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Boat carrying mercenaries captured

Indian troops foil coup attempt in Maldives

COLOMBO, Nov 4, (Agencies): Indian forces today captured a boat carrying mercenaries who fled the Maldives after failing to topple the government of the Indian Ocean archipelago and paratroops combed the capital for stragglers, officials said.

The 1,600 elite Indian paratroops landed in the Maldives hours after gunmen invaded the islands from boats and seized the capital, engaging in fierce battles with security forces that left at least 12 people dead and 100 wounded.

The mercenaries, believed to be Sri Lankan Tamils hired by a close associate of a former Maldivian President, abandoned the attack and escaped in two ships and a tugboat after learning the Indian commandos had arrived, Sri Lankan intelligence sources said. They reportedly took a cabinet minister hostage.

Sri Lankan and Indian military aircraft searched the sea south of the Maldives for the three vessels carrying the mercenaries. Sri Lankan Minister of National Security Lalith Ath-

ulathmudali said. A Foreign Ministry official in New Delhi said today Indian naval forces captured the first ship with a number of the attackers on board and were pursuing the second after a reconnaissance plane sighted it.

Crushed

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told Parliament today that Indian troops had crushed the coup attempt "without a single Indian casualty," and he hoped the troop withdrawal could begin later in the day.

"We are happy to be able to assist a friendly country. An attempt to spread terror and overthrow a democratically elected government has been frustrated," the Indian leader said.

India intervened at the request of Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who went into hiding when the coup began and appealing for military assistance from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the United States and Britain, India is South Asia's greatest military power and has recently sought to enlarge its role as a peacekeeping force in the



Abdul Gayoom

region. The Maldives, an archipelago of 1,200 low-lying coral islands, is located just 380 miles (600 km) southwest of India's southern tip. "When the mercenaries heard the ships and planes coming, they ran to their boats and disappeared," said Sharad Sapra, a representative of the UN Children's Fund, in a telephone interview.

Ahamed Abdulla, Maldivian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, said that Gayoom and his cabinet were "in full control

of Maldives and normalcy has returned."

A Maldivian official who asked not to be identified said the fleeing mercenaries had abducted Transport Minister Ahamed Mujithaba, apparently to deter attacks on their vessels by air-craft.

An official at the National Security Forces headquarters in Male said four mercenaries had been captured on a nearby island hut could give no further details.

In New Delhi, a Foreign Ministry official and the state-run All India Radio said the Indian paratroops in a swift operation secured key government buildings, including the presidential palace, a state-run radio station and the headquarters of the National Security Service.

Attack

The Foreign Ministry official said Indian troops had fanned out in search of any invaders who might be hiding in the capital.

As the raiders fled, Gayoom came out of hiding and was given protection by Indian commandos. He later contacted the Indian prime minister by tele-

phone and thanked him for the military assistance.

The coup attempt began at 4:30 am yesterday when an unknown number of mercenaries armed with grenades, automatic rifles and light machineguns arrived in Male in boats and stormed the capital.

The invaders, who were joined by about 300 Sri Lankans working as manual labourers and hotel employees in the Maldives, swept across the capital, seizing government buildings and the state-run radio station and engaging in gunbattles with the capital's tiny security force.

"We heard gunfire all around," one resident said. "We were too frightened to leave our house."

An Asian diplomatic source in Colombo said at least 12 people were killed and 100 wounded in the assault.

The raiders captured several government ministers and senior officials but failed to catch Gayoom, 50, who was scheduled to be sworn in next week to his third five-year term as president.

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41 killed in Punjab violence

AMRITSAR, Nov 4, (Agencies): Seven bombs, including some concealed in sewing machines, killed at least 25 people and wounded 51 others in the Punjab town of Batala today, police said.

"We suspect Sikh terrorists are behind the explosions," Batala police chief S.M. Sharma said. A police spokesman in Punjab's state capital, Chandigarh, said 25 people were killed when the bombs exploded in rapid succession at a crowded market place in a Hindu neighbourhood. "There were seven explosions. They were so powerful that limbs of victims flew all over the place," said the spokesman, who cannot be identified under briefings.

Sharma said some of the explosives were concealed in two sewing machines left on bicycles 200 yards (180 metres) apart. "They were very powerful. Some of the injured are in critical condition," Sharma said by telephone.

Sealed

"We have imposed curfew in the area and more police are being sent to counter any retaliation" in case of a Hindu backlash of violence, Sharma said.

The police spokesman in Chandigarh said the state's borders with Haryana and Jammu-Kashmir were sealed after the blasts.

"We have also announced a new state-wide alert," he said. He said police and paramilitary troops were searching the Batala area. No arrests were reported.

The first explosion occurred at about 4:40 pm (1110 GMT) in front of a shop owned by Baldev Kaur, the local president of the Hindu-dominated Bharatiya Janata Party. Kaur sustained injuries.



A young Sikh protester holds a sign calling for the prosecution of people involved in Nov 1984 anti-Sikh riots. (Reuters wirephoto)

A second bomb exploded five minutes later near a vegetable shop.

"After that there were five more explosions in very quick succession," the state police spokesman said.

Sharma said 17 Hindus and two Sikhs were among those killed in the blasts. "The majority of the Hindu victims were rickshaw pullers," he said.

Incidents

Elsewhere in the state Sikh militants today killed at least five people in separate incidents.

Sikh extremists, yesterday ambushed a bus and killed at least 11 passengers, police said.

The attack came only hours after both houses of Parliament in New Delhi extended for six more months Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's direct control over the violence-torn state under a constitutional provision known as President's Rule.

Approval

The central government first took control of Punjab in May 1987, sacking the state's elected Sikh administration for failing to crush the extremists.

The constitution requires Parliament's approval for extension of the President's Rule every six months. Without such renewal, new state elections would have to be held.

Progress made in Gulf peace talks

GENEVA, Nov 4, (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today Iran and Iraq have made some progress in talks to end their eight-year Gulf war, with negotiations concentrating on four main issues. Though he offered no indications of an imminent breakthrough in the efforts to consolidate a ceasefire, conference sources said it was encouraging that the two sides have been meeting regularly, often for sessions of several hours, since a third round of talks began earlier this week.

Change

Perez de Cuellar said he held "very useful" separate talks with the foreign ministers of Iraq and Iran this morning and a joint meeting would take place tomorrow morning. Earlier he had said he hoped to meet the two ministers together this afternoon but he did not explain the change.

He also said progress had been made at a meeting yesterday at which ambassadors from the two sides spent three hours working out details of a peace plan.

"They made excellent work in the sense of clarification," Perez de Cuellar told reporters when he arrived at the Palais des Nations, the United Nations' European headquarters.

He said the negotiations were concentrating on four points — an apparent reference to a plan that, according to Iran, the secretary-general has advanced to try to break the deadlock and end the war.

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UN condemns Israeli human rights abuses

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 4, (AP): The General Assembly has overwhelmingly condemned Israel on charges of beating, killing and deporting Palestinians during the 11-month uprising in the occupied territories.

The assembly "condemns Israel's persistent policies and practices violating the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, including Jerusalem," the resolution stated.

The vote yesterday was 130-2 with 16 abstentions.

The United States and Israel voted against; Britain and Canada abstained.

The PLO opened the debate by accusing Israel of murdering 411 Palestinian civilians since an anti-Israeli insurrection began in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip nearly 11 months ago.

Every year, the assembly by a lopsided vote condemns Israeli human rights practices in the occupied lands, captured from Arabs in the 1967 Mideast war.

US Ambassador Herbert Okun, the deputy permanent representative, said the resolution "is an unbalanced document, condemning one of the parties for its actions without taking into account acts of violence by the other side."

The resolution cited fatal shootings and wounding by the Israeli Army and settlers of "defenceless" Palestinian civilians, the beating and breaking of bones, deportation, imposition of restrictive economic measures, demolition of houses, collective punishment and detentions, as well as denial of access to the media.

Soviets suspend troop pullout from Afghanistan

MOSCOW, Nov 4, (Reuters): The Soviet Union is suspending its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan because of a worsening military situation there, a senior Foreign Ministry official said today.

But First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh also told a news conference that Moscow still intended to remove all its troops from the country by Feb 15, the deadline set by the Geneva accords on Afghanistan.

"The withdrawal of troops is being suspended for the time being. What is important is not when it will be continued but when it will be completed," Bessmertnykh said.

"The Soviet Union intends to stand by its obligations under the Geneva accords," he said, but added: "For these conditions to be fulfilled all countries should comply."

The Kremlin, which pulled out half its 105,000 soldiers by Aug 15, said at the time that it would resume the second half of the withdrawal in November. But Bessmertnykh declined today to say when the withdrawal would resume.

"The paramount task now is for the military situation in Afghanistan to normalise," he said. "The conditions the opposition

is imposing on us are not the conditions for the withdrawal of Soviet troops."

Bessmertnykh said that immediately after Moscow began withdrawing its troops on May 15, Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government began "building up their military activity" and "aggravating and abusing the situation."

He said there had been more than 550 rebel attacks on Soviet units since the withdrawal began, including 88 missile attacks and 440 assaults on Soviet military guardposts.

In the capital of Kabul alone, 750 people had been killed and more than 550 houses and 50 office buildings had been destroyed since May 15, he said.

Supplied

He said the Soviet Union had responded by sending the Afghan Army more weapons, an apparent reference to new Soviet-built SS-1 "Scud" missiles recently supplied to Kabul.

He said the range of Soviet missiles in Afghanistan did not exceed 300 km (240 miles), adding that this was too short to be included in the superpower agreement to eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles.

He rejected recent Western criticism of the new Soviet arms shipments, saying critics were only trying to divert attention from Pakistan supplying to the Muslim rebels of US-built weapons.

The Soviet withdrawal began about a month after the Geneva accords were signed in April between Pakistan — which has backed the rebels — and Afghanistan, with the United States and Soviet Union as guarantors. (See page 3)

India wins Asia Cup

DHAKA, Nov 4, (Reuters): India won the Asia Cup today beating Sri Lanka by six wickets in the final.

Scores: Sri Lanka 176 all out (43.2 overs). India 180 for four (37.1 overs). (See page 19).

Rightists invoke Islam to oppose Benazir

ISLAMABAD, Nov 4, (Agencies): A right-wing Pakistani alliance challenging opposition leader Benazir Bhutto in general elections this month said it opposed a woman becoming head of government on Islamic grounds.

A spokesman for the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) said yesterday, Benazir being a woman, should not head the government in Islamic Pakistan even if her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won the Nov 16 polls.

"It will be a very bitter pill if the head of state or government has to be a lady," IDA information secretary Agha Murtaza Pooya told a news conference.

Benazir has ignored medical advice to rest her voice in order to continue campaigning for elec-

tions in 12 days, aides said today. She has a sore throat after addressing up to 15 rallies a day during a campaign swing through Punjab and Sind provinces this week and doctors advised her to stop making speeches for a few days.

Contender

The ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML) party of former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo is the main force in the IDA formed last month to face the PPP, widely regarded as a strong contender in the elections.

Officials of some IDA parties told an election rally in the north-western town of Peshawar that Pakistan's overwhelmingly Muslim population would not accept a woman as their government leader.

Pooya said this was IDA's official position taken in the light of Islamic law.

PML sources said Junejo does not agree with this position, which they say is taken by hardline religious groups like the IDA's Jamaat-e-Islami Party.

Pro-PPP and liberal Islamic clergymen say Islam places no bar on woman heading a government.

Notice

The PML and Jamaat-e-Islami both backed Fatima Jinnah, sister of Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah, in the 1964 presidential elections won by Field Marshal Ayub Khan.

Begum Nurat Bhutto, chairman of the PPP, has served a legal notice on a Pakistani newspaper for attributing a false statement to her on the country's nuclear

programme. The mass circulation Urdu daily Jang quoted her as saying that if PPP was voted into power it might allow the American administration to inspect Pakistan's uranium enrichment plant at Kahuta, 20 miles southeast of here.

Nurat denied that any future PPP government would allow any foreign power to inspect the Kahuta facility.

LATE NEWS

Nurat Bhutto said about 25 people were injured when shots were fired at her during an election march on Friday. She told reporters in Lahore that she was leading the march when shots were fired from the office of an alliance opposing Benazir in the Nov 16 elections.

Peres 'rules out' coalition with Likud

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 4, (Agencies): Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said today that his Labour Party, narrowly defeated in this week's elections, would not join a coalition led by the right-wing Likud Bloc unless Labour's peace programme were adopted.

"We are interested in one central thing: the continuation of the peace process," Peres told Army Radio. "We won't join any government that doesn't have a plan for peace."

The statement all but ruled out Labour entering a "national unity" government as a junior partner to Likud. Many Labour leaders and left-wing parties have urged Peres to form a strong opposition bloc and not compromise on any of Labour's policies.

Check

"Our obligation and my obligation is to check if there is this possibility to continue the peace process from the government," Peres said. "We are not going to sell anything or buy anything."

Likud received 40 seats to Labour's 39, leaving Likud in an even stronger position to form the next government with a coalition of right-wing and religious parties, which made a surprisingly strong showing at the polls.

Algerians approve reforms

ALGIERS, Nov 4, (Agencies): Results announced today showed Algerians massively approved a series of constitutional changes, inspired by bloody riots a month ago, that would loosen the sole political party's grip on national life and separate it from the government.

The Interior Ministry announced that 92.27 per cent of voters casting ballots in yesterday's referendum voted "yes" to the changes proposed by President Chadli Benjedid.

Ballots

The referendum is the first step on the path of reforms that eventually may permit independent candidates to run for office and remove the state-run economy from central control.

Election officials said turnout

in the election was 82.82 per cent of Algeria's 12 million voters.

One month after riots rocked the country, voters peacefully cast ballots at 36,775 polling stations throughout the country, mostly in elementary schools.

There were no signs of heightened security yesterday in Algiers, and downtown streets hustled with shoppers in the late afternoon.

Retain

Last month, soldiers and police fired on mobs of young men who refused to disperse, killing 176 people during a week of rioting, according to official figures. Unofficial reports said 400 or more demonstrators were killed.

The violence began when demonstrators took to the streets

in Algiers and many provincial cities to protest shortages and a decline in the standard of living blamed on the plummeting price of oil, Algeria's chief export.

Under the reforms Benjedid would retain control of defence and foreign policy and would appoint the prime minister.

But the premier would have some theoretical autonomy to present a government programme on other issues to the National Assembly (Parliament), which could accept or reject it.

Opposition groups such as Muslim fundamentalists and the underground leftist avant garde Socialist Party say the reforms are merely cosmetic so long as the ruling National Liberation Front is the only party allowed to function.

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'Virus' invades US computer network

CHICAGO, Nov 4, (UPI): Computer experts, fending off the largest assault ever on America's computers, scrambled to patch up a potential nationwide security problem exposed by a "virus" that quickly spread through hundreds of university and government research computers.

No permanent damage or security breaches appeared to have occurred during the attack, but many computers were slowed by loads of useless viral information, they had to be shut down yesterday so they could be "disinfected."

Mystery
While the exact identity of the saboteurs remained a mystery, an anonymous caller to the New York Times said the virus apparently was the result of an experiment by a computer science graduate student who slipped the virus into the advance research projects agency out-look computer system.

As the virus spread to other computer systems, experts said it was the worst attack of its kind in the nation's history.

"This is going to be the most extensive virus that has ever

invaded any computer system," Greg Chartrand, manager of the computer network at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, told the Washington Post.

The invader, termed a "virus" or "worm" was a small set of computer instructions, probably created by a computer hacker to expose the potential security problem, experts said.

Undetectable
Such invaders are designed to slip unwanted instructions into computers invisibly, making the invasion undetectable until it causes problems. This "virus" forced the computers to make many copies of the viral programme and send the copies, which could also "reproduce", to the other accessible computers, packing them with the useless viral information.

A computer scientist at Purdue University, called the virus "clever, nasty and definitely anti-social" in a message he posted on a public computer bulletin board.

Computer experts at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory — one of the facilities invaded by the bug —

deemed the invader a "worm" because it did not appear to be destroying information stored in the computers, as a "virus" would. Other experts simply called the invader a virus.

The worm evidently spread through a flaw in the electronic mail system of worldwide public networks that use phone lines linking thousands of facilities — mostly university and government research computers, experts said.

Contained
The most worrisome invasion occurred at the Livermore facility near San Francisco, one of two national labs where nuclear weapons are designed. But a spokesman there said the invasion "was detected and contained within two hours" and had no chance of penetrating high-security files stored in computers that are isolated from the infected public networks.

The virus also penetrated Air Force computer systems at the NASA Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California, and sophisticated Vax and Sun computer systems at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Indian troops crush Maldives coup bid

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It was not clear who masterminded the coup attempt, but intelligence sources said the mercenaries were believed to be Sri Lankan Tamils hired by Abdullah Latuff, a Maldives-born businessman who lives in Colombo and is close to former President Ibrahim Nasir.

Militant Tamils have been fighting the Sri Lankan government and 50,000 Indian peace-keeping troops to set up an independent Tamil state in Sri Lanka.

Nasir, in a statement released in Singapore, today denied he was involved in the attempt and said: "I no longer retain any interests in the Maldives. Neither do I have any dealings with any party in Sri Lanka or with any Sri Lankans anywhere."

Nasir had groomed Gayoom for the office and moved to Singapore when Gayoom was elected in 1978. Relations between the two men deteriorated when Gayoom ordered a probe into allegations Nasir had embezzled state funds. Gayoom ordered some of Nasir's property seized and his brothers tried for corruption.

In 1980, Nasir allegedly hired nine former members of Britain's elite Special Air Service commando group and sent them to assassinate Gayoom. The plan collapsed, however, when it was leaked to the news media in Sri Lanka.

The population of the Maldives is 181,000 and is overwhelmingly Muslim.

Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe welcomed today the intervention by the Indian forces to crush the attempted coup.

In a BBC radio interview this afternoon, Howe said: "We are delighted that the Indians have been successful in helping President Gayoom to restore the legitimate government."

Agreement on Filipino labour

AMMAN, Nov 4, (AP): Franko Drilon, the Philippines Secretary of Labour, has signed an agreement with Jordanian officials to protect Filipino workers in the Middle Eastern kingdom, the Philippine embassy announced today.

In a news release, the embassy said the pact was signed yesterday by Drilon and Jordan's Minister of Labour, Marwan Dudin. About 4,000 Filipinos work in Jordan, which itself exports hundreds of thousands of workers abroad.

The agreement calls for creation of a committee to oversee the manpower agreement.

Draft declaration of Palestinian independence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 4, (Agencies): The pro-PLO daily Al-Fajr newspaper published today a draft declaration of independence for a Palestinian state that is expected to be approved in Algeria later this month.

The newspaper said Speaker Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh would present the document for approval to the 453-member Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament-in-exile, on Nov 14 in Algeria.

A map accompanying the document shows the land to be divided into two states, one Israeli and one Arab, on the basis of a 1947 UN partition resolution, the newspaper said. The map showed much of Galilee and the Negev desert in the proposed Palestinian state.

Israel rejects the 1947 partition plan, which awards key areas of what is now Israel to the Arabs as well as the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. It also calls for international control of Jerusalem which Israel has proclaimed as its capital.

Acceptance
However, Palestinian commentators said the PLO's expected acceptance of two states would be a step towards peace because it implicitly recognised the right of a Jewish state to exist.

Following is the text of a

proposed Palestinian declaration of independence which the daily Al Fajr newspaper published.

● We the Palestinian people represented by the PNC announce the declaration of the Palestinian state on the soil of Palestine and with Jerusalem as its capital all according to the inherent rights of Palestinians to live in their homeland in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 181 published in 1947.

Summit

● The Palestine Liberation Organisation is the sole representative for the Palestinian people in accordance with the decisions of all Arab and Islamic summits, especially the Fez summit.

● The PLO calls on Arab and European heads of state, first among them the two superpowers, to work hard towards implementing all UN resolutions connected to the Palestinian problem and also the Geneva agreement (on human rights).

● The PNC, in announcing the declaration of the independence of the Palestinian state, insists that the only path to solve the problem is the one of implementing all international resolutions through an active international conference with the participation of the PLO.

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Marcoses appeal

NEW YORK, Nov 4, (Reuters): Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda have asked the US Supreme Court to block the government from taking their fingerprints, handwriting samples and voice prints, their lawyer said.

The appeal was revealed during a hearing in US federal court in which a judge ordered the couple to appear at Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters in Honolulu on Nov 9 or face

contempt charges. The couple, who fled their homeland in 1986, live in exile in Hawaii.

US district judge John Walker, last August ordered them to give their fingerprints, handwriting samples, voice-prints and an authorisation for a search for their financial records to investigators probing their activities.

The couple were indicted on Oct 21 on criminal charges of fraud and conspiracy. On Oct 31, the second circuit court of appeals upheld Walker's order.

Pakistan shoots down Kabul planes

Afghan rebels to hold polls

NEW YORK, Nov 4, (Reuters): The mujahedeen rebel coalition announced plans for elections in three months to establish a stable government in Afghanistan and rid the country of what the rebels call a Russian puppet regime.

"It is possible to liberate areas to have elections, provided the Russians do not bombard the area and use rockets against the mujahedeen and where the people gather," Burhanuddin Rabbani, chairman of the seven-member mujahedeen alliance, told a news conference at Freedom House.

Freedom House is a non-partisan organisation devoted to the "strengthening of free societies."

Speaking through an interpreter, he said an interim government would draw up a constitution and provide for open elections.

The plans included formation of a 400-member council of elected representatives from 216 districts and 58 subdistricts in areas under mujahedeen control, he said.

Planes

Meanwhile, Pakistani fighter planes shot down two Afghan aircraft on Thursday, official Kabul Radio said, accusing Islamabad of violating Afghanistan's air space.

The broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, said the Afghan planes were shot down in two separate encounters by F-16s of the Pakistani Air Force over the Khost area in eastern Afghanistan.

Earlier, Pakistan said its F-16s shot down one of two Afghan Mig-23 jets which penetrated 13 km into northwestern Pakistan and the pilot was captured.

Resolution

The UN General Assembly, with Soviet support, on Thursday urged "scrupulous respect" for the Afghanistan settlement as reports were received of continuing frontier strife.

But a US State Department spokesman, quoting sources in Kabul, said Soviet Scud missiles were fired at American-backed Afghan insurgents near the Pakistani border.

After the General Assembly adopted its resolution by consensus, Lieutenant-General Vernon Walters, chief US delegate, condemned Soviet actions. "I consider them acts of desperation," he said.

"The world expects the Soviets to conform their actions in Afghanistan to the resolution to which they and the entire international community have just adhered," he told reporters outside the General Assembly hall.

Muslim guerrillas, meanwhile, said they had captured a border checkpoint and closed the border with Pakistan in the Khyber Pass.

Mujahedeen said they took the Torkham Post on Wednesday after two days of fighting in which they claimed the capture of 130 Kabul troops and four tanks.

Students attack US facility in Seoul

SEOUL, Nov 4, (AP): Radical students firebombed a US Army facility and seized a government building today, as protesters continued to press for the arrest of former President Chun Doo-hwan.

Police said students also hurled firebombs at a Seoul branch of the Koram Bank, a joint venture between US and South Korea banks, and a government party office in the western part of the city. No injuries or arrests were reported. U.S. authorities said a dozen young people threw six firebombs into the compound of a US Army engineering installation and fled, shattering windows but causing no injuries. Radicals have demanded the withdrawal of the 42,000 US troops stationed in South Korea as part of their anti-American campaign.

In another attack, on the office of the national tax administration in downtown Seoul, five students demanding Chun's arrest occupied a third-floor office for half an hour before being overpowered by riot police.

Police said two students were slightly injured when they jumped onto mattresses placed by police on the ground outside the

government building, to prevent deaths or injuries by protesters jumping from windows.

Chun, whose term ended in February, took power with military backing in 1980. He has been under parliamentary investigation on corruption and various other charges, including his alleged role in putting down a 1980 civil uprising in the southern city of Kwangju.

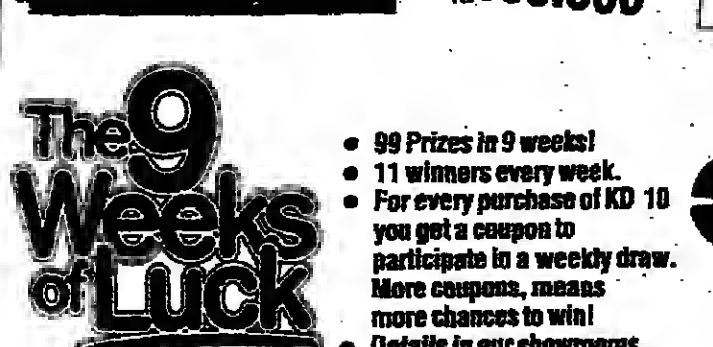
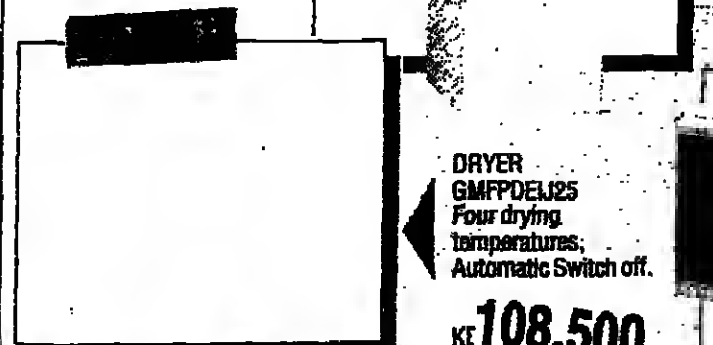
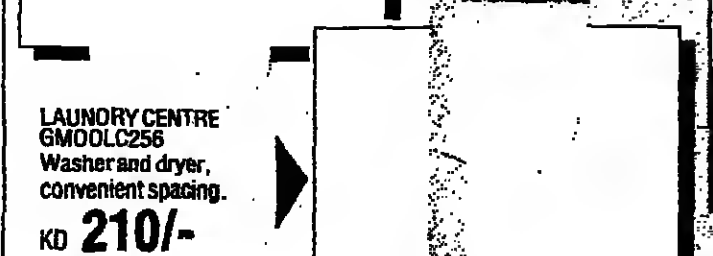
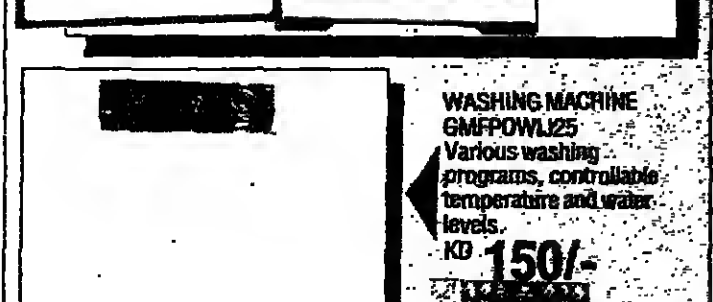
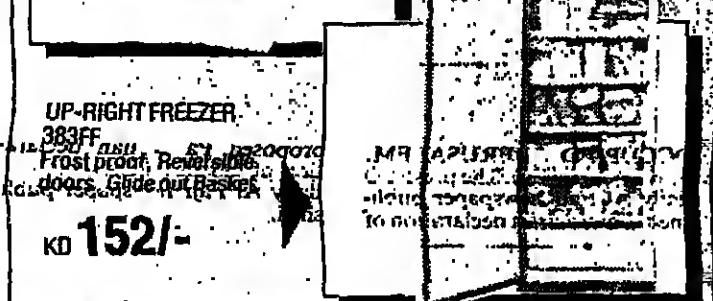
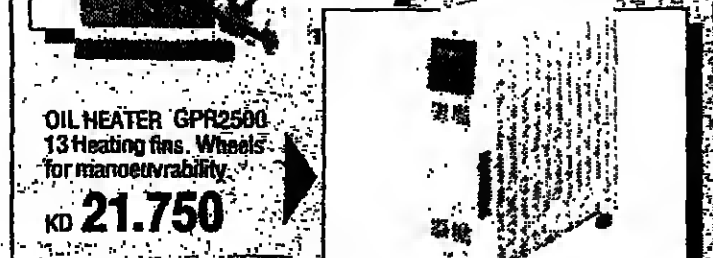
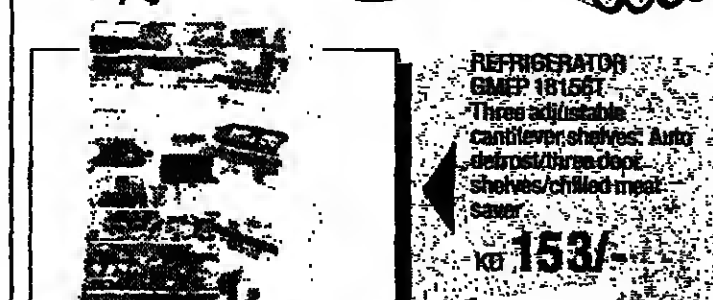
Suppression

By official count, about 200 people died in the military suppression of the uprising, but dissidents put the toll much higher.

Radicals also are demanding the overthrow of President Roh Tae-woo, and charge his government is a front for military rule despite the democratic reforms that he has instituted. The radicals have little public support, but are influential on college campuses.

Up to 380 people, mostly police, were injured and about 100 protesters were being questioned after more than 29,000 people took part in anti-Chun rallies across the country Thursday, newspapers report today.

Police fired about 9,200 rounds of tear gas Thursday, while students hurled about 18,700 firebombs, police said.

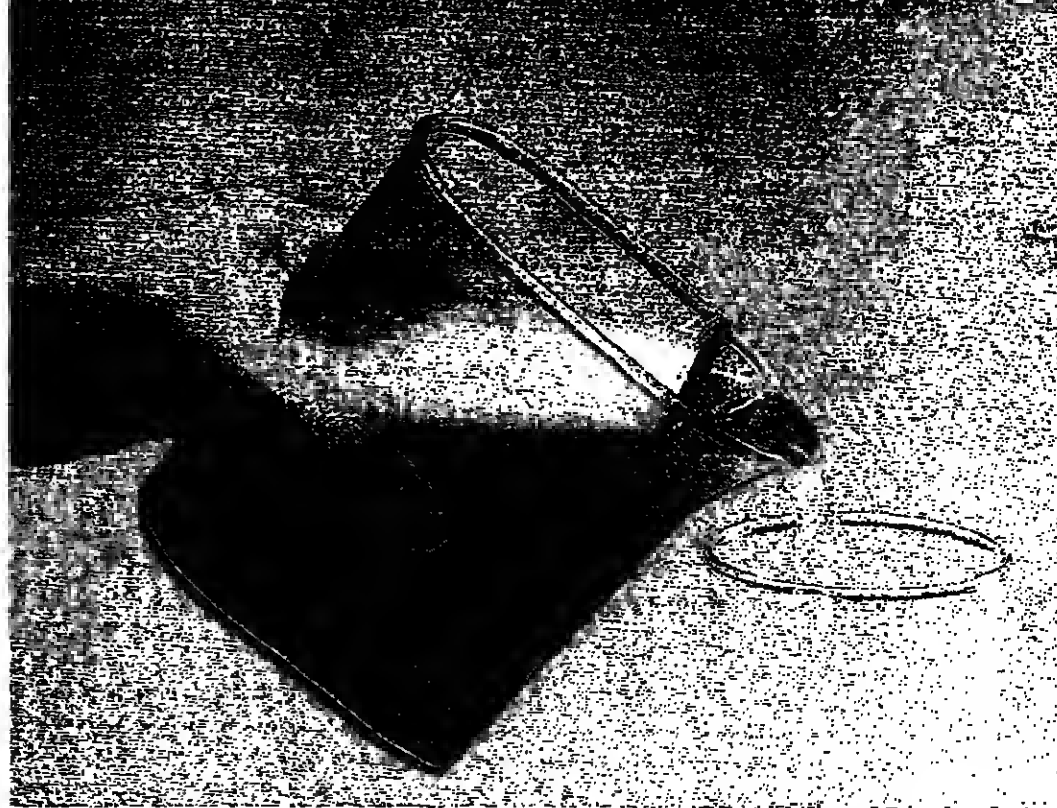


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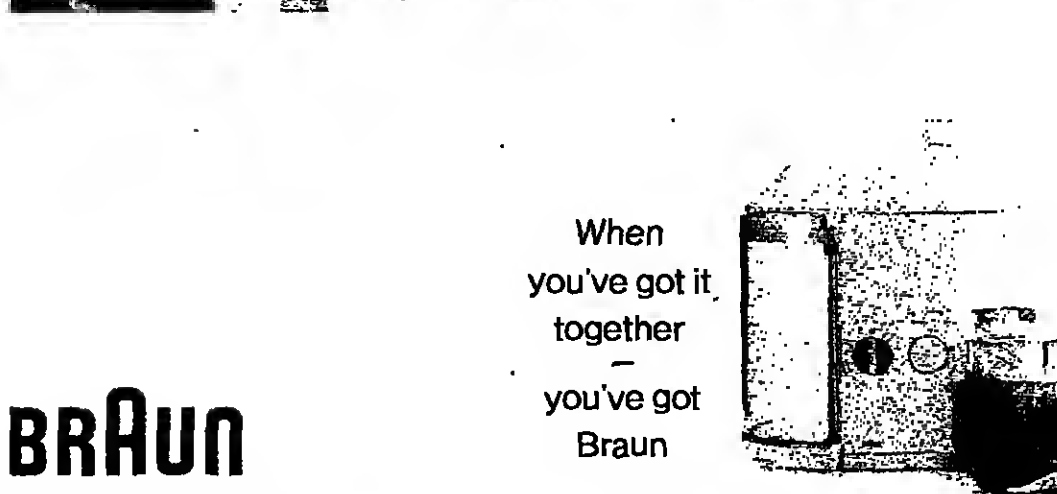


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No serious threat posed by locusts in Kuwait

LOCUSTS arriving sporadically at some farms in Abdali and Wafra areas at the borders of Kuwait do not pose a serious threat at the moment, according to Sheikh Ibrahim Al Dueji, the chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth (AFFRA).

The small number of locusts in these areas is an indication that in all probability, these could be insects that survived anti-locust

campaigns in Saudi Arabia and Iraq, the official said.

The authority is well-aware of the danger the locusts pose to the region and Kuwait, the official said.

He added that Kuwait has mobilised its anti-locusts teams and is co-ordinating fighting activities with the Iraqi authorities. Several plans and strategies have been prepared to contain and eradicate the locusts if their numbers increase. These

plans among others, include using helicopters and duster planes for spraying insecticides, he said.

Teams

The authority has organised 12 teams to fight the locusts. These teams inspected 25 farms in the Abdali area during the last three days. The quantity of locusts was not alarming, according to Jassem Al Bader, the head of the botanical department of the authority.

The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank has allocated \$10 million to combat locust attacks on bank member states, Kuwait's representative at the IDB, Faisal Abdulaziz Al Zamil said on Friday.

Al Zamil told KUNA that the sum has been dispersed as a grant from the special assistance account to help member countries fight off the locusts.

Appeals

"In my view of the gravity of the situation and the locusts' rapid movement, the IDB responded to appeals from the affected countries to contribute to programmes of combating the pest in co-operation with national, regional and international organisations," Al Zamil said.

The Kuwaiti delegate said the bank has purchased pesticides, aerial spraying equipment, transport vehicles and animal feed to offset the erosion of pasture from the locust attacks.

Saudis sign minesweeper deal with UK

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia signed a contract for six minehunter ships with the British company Vosper Thornycroft on Wednesday. The contract is believed to be worth more than 300 million pounds sterling (\$500 million).

A company spokesman said the order, part of a 10-year 15-billion-pound (\$25-billion) arms deal agreed to by Britain and Saudi Arabia in July, covered Sandown class minehunters fitted with sophisticated sonar equipment.

Record...

The Saudi arms package, following a 400-million-pound (\$700 million) sale of advanced fighters to Jordan, could boost British arms sales to record levels in 1988.

The minesweeper deal was agreed to before the August ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war. US naval experts believe up to 200 mines sown during the conflict may still be endangering commercial shipping lanes in the Gulf despite minesweeping operations by six Western countries.

Nuclear arms treaty signed by Bahrain

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (Agencies): Bahrain on Thursday became the second Arab country to join and sign the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

At a special ceremony at the State Department, Bahrain's Ambassador to the United States, Ghazi Mohamed Al Ghossabi, signed the treaty.

Saudi Arabia was the first Arab country to join the treaty which has been advocated strongly by the United States.

Promises

Commenting on the Bahraini move, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said on Thursday.

"The US welcomes Bahrain's access to the treaty as a significant contribution to international stability."

The treaty, he added, is "a basic element in the global effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, which is a US national

security and foreign policy objective."

Under the treaty, Bahrain, a non-nuclear weapons state, promises not to receive, manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Also, it agrees to accept safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency on all peaceful nuclear activities.

With Bahrain's accession, 138 nations have now become party to the treaty. Israel has so far refused to join the US-sponsored treaty.

Asked specifically if the US wants Israel also to join the treaty since it is known to possess nuclear weapons, Redman said: "Our position on the treaty has been to encourage everyone to adhere to that treaty. This is something we continue to work for around the world, where it is applicable."

Progress made in Gulf peace talks

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help consolidate the Aug 20 ceasefire.

Perez de Cuellar did not name the four points. But Iran has listed them as an immediate troop withdrawal, exchange of prisoners, free navigation in the Gulf and clearing the Shatt Al Arah, a disputed waterway forming the southern border, of silt and wrecks left by the fighting.

Access

Iran supports all four points, with the important proviso however that the Shatt can only be dredged under the terms of a joint 1975 treaty which placed their border down the middle of the estuary, known in Iran as the Arvand Rud.

Iraq, for whom the Shatt is its sole access to the Gulf, now rejects that pact.

"The talks are still about the four-point plan, and the secretary-general is trying to implement this plan," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said after meeting Perez de Cuellar.

Until they agree on the plan, it is unlikely that an estimated 100,000 prisoners of war now languishing in camps on both sides will be able to go home.

Iraq suggested separating the prisoner issue from the talks and exchanging them all immediately. Iran said it was more important that Iraqi troops leave its territory and therefore withdrawal should be agreed on at the same time or earlier.

Velayati did say Iran was willing to exchange the sick and disabled prisoners but Iraq has not yet publicly responded to the offer.

Land transport company proposed by GCC officials

SECRETARIES of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) have completed a study on establishing a Gulf land transport company, according to a local daily.

The company will facilitate land transportation procedures among member states. It is intended to alleviate problems faced by drivers of long vehicles such as delays in customs procedures.

The company is also meant to activate the land transportation business after the end of the Iran-Iraq war.

The study suggested GCC member states contribute to the company. A budget of \$25 million has been proposed.

Heart disease can be prevented

By Lima Al Khalafawi

WANT to know how to lead a longer, happier and healthier life?

Peter Wilson, director of laboratories at the National Heart and Blood Institute, offered some advice on the subject during a recent lecture at the Holiday Inn.

You can reduce the risk of heart attacks or heart disease by not smoking, Wilson said.

To avoid heart problems, control your weight and stay physically fit with a reasonable exercise programme and reduce the amount of cholesterol in your diet, he said.

Hypertension and diabetes also contribute to heart disease, he said. Control of blood pressure and glucose may help delay or prevent heart disease.

Avoid mental stress, he advised. People with high blood

pressure and excessive drive are more susceptible to heart problems, studies have shown.

Hope

Those who have a family history of heart disease must be extra careful, Wilson said. But a new drug, introduced in Kuwait by Safwan Trading Co., offers hope.

The drug, Lopid, was first synthesized at Warner-Lambert Laboratories in 1968.

A heart study in Helsinki, Finland, under the direction of the University of Helsinki and the Finnish National Board of Health in co-operation with Warner-Lambert showed that Lopid had a dual clinical benefit by raising high-density lipoproteins (HDL) and lowering harmful low density lipoproteins (LDL), Wilson said.

Throughout the world, more than 1 million patients have been treated with Lopid.

Sheikh Saad for Saudi Arabia

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah leaves for Saudi Arabia at 11:30 am local time Saturday on an official visit at the invitation of Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and head of the National Guards Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

Sheikh Saad will be accompanied on his visit from Saturday to Wednesday by an official delegation and several Kuwaiti journalists, including Ahmed Al Jarallah, editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah and the Arab Times.

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Offshore fund to be offered

LONDON Portfolio Services (LPS), an international investment company, has launched its first guaranteed offshore fund which will be available shortly in Bahrain.

The fund opened for subscription on Oct 24 and is called London Portfolio Guaranteed Limited.

The new fund, which will be marketed internationally as well as in Bahrain as per regional banking regulations, claims to offer "institutional and sophisticated private investors" the opportunity to participate in the world's future markets, according to a press release.

The company is said to be backed by Banque Indo Suez, which guarantees the return of an amount equal to the initial invested capital when the fund matures in January 1994.

Cargill Investor Services Inc (CIS) will act as futures clearing broker to the fund.

Management and performance fees will be charged. The closing date of the share offer will be Dec 12.

The fund is a Bermudan registered fund. In Bahrain, Grindlays Bahrain Bank BSC, will be marketing the fund. A spokesman of Grindlays told the Arab Times that the bank is only handling the marketing side of the new fund and is in no other way involved with LPS.

A growing number of so-called financial organisations have sprung up recently worldwide, promising "guaranteed success" only to later disappear with the clients' hard-earned money.

The spokesman assured prospective clients that no such thing will happen to LPS clients in Bahrain.

"The fund has been approved by the BMA (Bahrain Monetary Agency) here. Besides, LPS is backed by Banque Indo Suez, a major international bank."

The spokesman added that Grindlays is awaiting the new fund's information material before commencing the marketing and promotional campaign in Bahrain.

London Portfolio Services was founded in 1986 and operates from Gibraltar.

Japan Week a blend of tradition and technology

By Lima Al Khalafawi

JAPAN WEEK in Kuwait got off to a resounding start yesterday with events held all over the country.

The biggest, most spectacular event was the flying of kites at the Green Island Water Project. The colourful kites attracted a large crowd of both young and old.

Kimonos

Ten kites of blue, green, red and white were stitched together with thin ropes and spread across the sky for more than 20 metres. The kites, made by nylon, bamboo and metal string, could be seen from far away on Gulf Road.

Afterwards, a group of men dressed in black Japanese costumes began beating the

traditional drums. They played to a large crowd for an hour.

A group of women dressed in beautiful, coloured kimonos started the traditional folk dance. A group of small children dressed in kimonos attracted other children to the event.

Meanwhile, at the Hilton Hotel, a hi-tech exhibition showed a variety of eye-catching, advanced electronic goods.

Educational equipment was displayed as well as traditional Japanese toys, such as masks and wooden sticks.

Computers

Many electronic companies such as Sony and NEC displayed their latest products including cameras, video and computers.

Apart from that exhibition was the educational information corner, which introduced many textbooks in Arabic and English.

The week is aimed at promoting Japan and mutual understanding among the peoples of the world.

Japan Week is showing

Jailed for adultery

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court yesterday sentenced one man and a woman to five years each in jail on charges of adultery.

The court was told that the accused had sex with his father's widow. This was discovered when the woman went to the hospital for medical attention and the physician discovered she was pregnant.

Traffic accidents

ONE man died and 13 people, including two women and three children, were reported injured in 22 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday. There were four accidents in the Capital, 14 in Ahmadi and the same number in Jahra.



The traditional drum beating at Green Island.

Kuwait both the traditional and modern aspects of Japanese life. Along with hi-tech products, Japanese arts and crafts are being

exhibited. The week was opened by Japan's Ambassador to Kuwait Tsuyoshi Kurokawa.

Qatari official meets with Soviet minister

MOSCOW, Nov 4, (KUNA): Qatar's Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Hamad Bin Suhaim Al Thani and Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh Thursday discussed bilateral relations and international issues, especially the Gulf situation, reliable diplomatic sources told KUNA.

The sources said that Sheikh Hamad later attended a lunch banquet hosted in his honour by the Soviet ranking diplomat.

During the banquet, attended by ambassadors of Kuwait, UAE, Oman and the Yemen

Arab Republic and top Soviet diplomats, the two sides exchanged speeches according to Soviet protocol. The texts are not yet available.

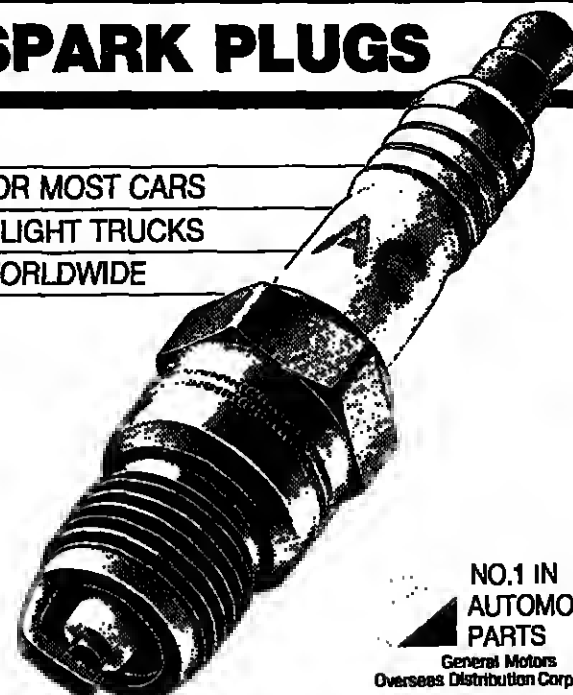
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Sheikh Hamad was due to confer with Arab ambassadors in Moscow later today at his residence in Lenin Hills, the sources noted.

The Qatari foreign undersecretary is also scheduled to attend a dinner banquet at the Kuwaiti Embassy to be hosted in his honour by Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdel Mohsen Al Duaij.

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The emphasis at the exhibition is on diamond, pearl, emerald and ruby jewellery. Prices range from KD100 to KD20,000.

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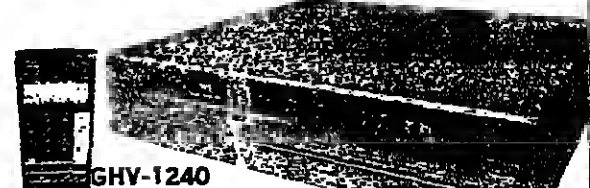
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Thought for today

THE secret of being a bore is to tell everything —
Voltaire, French author (1694-1778).

OPINION

Strengthening GCC ties

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today starts his visit to Saudi Arabia which is part of a series of visits made by GCC top officials to the states in the region.

This visit gains prominence from the fact that it precedes the GCC summit due to be held in Bahrain next month. Its importance also stems from the fact that it takes place between two important GCC members.

It also follows the defusing of tension that reigned in the region and the whole world for several years. A common feeling of exultation characterises this stage following the end of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Both HH the Crown Prince and his Saudi counterpart are eager to strengthen the ties among the people in the Gulf and Arabian peninsula based on the unity of interests.

This will provide the people in the areas the freedom to travel about, actively contribute to the total unification of interests and work hard to enhance their capabilities. This is of major significance in the light that the EEC is taking this opportunity to gather strength and protect itself as an individual bloc. The EEC is pre-empting attempts to permit dealings not conducive to the interests of its unified market.

The state of detente currently prevailing in the world is undoubtedly worth speedy action as deemed by HH the Crown Prince and his Saudi counterpart. The objective is to further link the interests of the people in the region to provide a well-based strategy to run industrial enterprises based on market demand and shareholders' capacity to contribute to these industries.

The relations binding Kuwait to Saudi Arabia are of special importance. The visit by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister is intended to further unveil the depth and importance of these relations. Such a visit will substantially contribute to the regional effort to tackle all pending issues, further solidify the existing brotherly relations and mobilise potentials in the best interest of the Kuwaiti and Saudi people.

There is nothing stronger than linking people with their common interests.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Burma's students prepare to fight back

By Paul Wedel

THEBAWBO, Burma, (UPI): Burma's pro-democracy demonstrators, crushed by the Army, have turned to ethnic rebel groups for arms and training to fight back against the military government.

"We asked for democracy. They gave us bullets," said S. Aung Lwin, a member of the executive committee of the All Burma Students Democracy Front. "So now we have to give them bullets back."

Long lines of some 1,200 young T-shirted Burmese marched on the soccer field at the Thebawbo camp of the Karen ethnic rebel group, awkwardly hefting battered rifles as their instructors barked orders.

Karen officer Maj. Robertson — he has no first name — in charge of the student training, said the students were learning fast.

"They all want to go back and fight," he said. "They are very eager."

An estimated 10,000 students have reached rebel camps of the Karen, Shan, Kachin and Mon ethnic groups near Burma's northern and eastern borders.

"We didn't want an armed struggle," said Koko Oo, 27, head of the Student Executive Committee. "But the Army has shown it will never give in to the demands of the people without a fight."

The students spoke bitterly of friends gunned down during demonstrations.

Killed

Since Sept 18, when the military took direct control to crush the elections, a military spokesman said more than 450 people have been killed. Diplomats in Rangoon said the toll goes into the thousands.

"We didn't have any choice. We had to run to live," said one student.

Dr Myint Chit said about half of the students at Thebawbo are sick with malaria and diarrhoea from their difficult trek through the jungle to the camp. Meagre food and medicine has slowed their recovery, he said.

The students said they were establishing their own separate camps and would remain independent of the ethnic rebel groups that have been fighting the central government for more than 30 years.

They admitted there had been confusion and disorganisation

when they first arrived in the jungle.

"People came from many places, but it hasn't been hard to get organised because we all have the same aims," said Soe Khaine, a member of the Student Executive Committee.

Many students are still confused and shocked by the traumatic events of past three months. Some wonder if they made the right decision to flee to the jungle. The Burmese military has tried to increase their doubts to get them to surrender.

The military-run radio has quoted returned students describing ill treatment by the Karen at the camp.

Other broadcasts promised to welcome the dissidents back and armed that military action could be taken against anyone who does not surrender by Nov 18. Student leaders at Thebawbo said they believe the offer was a trap. They said students trying to return home have been intercepted by the military and killed.

A Rangoon-based diplomat said the government was making great efforts to break up the alliance between the student dissidents and the ethnic rebels for political and psychological rather than military reasons.

"Students have always been in the vanguard of political movements," said the diplomat.

He said the armed students would be a liability to the insurgent for some time before they could be trained and toughened.

"The government is concerned not because of the military factor but because the students have a lot of prestige in society," he said.

Koko Oo said the students had left behind in the cities a network that would support the newly trained and armed groups from the rebel camps.

Warfare

"It will be urban guerrilla warfare because we know we cannot beat the Army in the jungle and they are too well-trained and equipped," he said.

"In a month we will be trained and then we will go back to lead the people to victory," said Aung Lwin.

He said the armed students would try to stop the military from coercing people during elections expected early next year and would provide force to back up the moderate opposition leaders fighting the regime politically.

"The whole people are with us," he said. "It could all be over in a year."

No firm official bias discernible in most countries

World watches intently as US prepares to vote

By Bernard Melunsky

LONDON, (Reuters): The world awaits the result of the US presidential election with studied impartiality in the main, but with clear favouritism in some tinder-box areas.

Whatever hopes or fears are aired inside the Kremlin, the Soviet Union is keeping aloof from the campaign, and neither in Asia nor the European Economic Community is any firm official bias discernible.

But in the Middle East and in southern Africa, areas of present or potential turmoil, there is keen self-interest on whether Republican George Bush or Democrat Michael Dukakis will win on Nov 8.

Dukakis' Greek ancestry is not seen as an important issue, but the fact that his wife is Jewish appears to concern some in the Arab world.

Continuity

Bush, as Ronald Reagan's vice-president, is seen as representing continuity in foreign policy, a factor of special importance to those like South Africa, who fear what a change in the American administration could mean for them.

But change may be desired by some leaders in Latin America, where US influence has declined markedly.

Reuters correspondents from various capitals report on what the world expects and wants from the vote and the new president.

In the official media of the Soviet Union, even-handed treatment has been given to both candidates. The seemingly disinterested coverage serves a purpose: keeping the Kremlin out of the campaign.

"We want to be very cautious. We don't want to do anything to fuel the debate," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told Reuters. "There is no official Soviet view of the election."

Critical

The Communist Party daily Pravda may have given a clue of some official attitudes, being slightly more critical of Bush and more complimentary to Dukakis throughout the campaign.

However, four summits with the Reagan administration have made the vice-president a familiar, and therefore comfortable, figure among Soviet officials, Western diplomats say.

In southern Africa, a new balance of power is taking shape as Reagan, widely seen as a friend of white-ruled South Africa, prepares to leave office.

Black governments north of the Limpopo are hoping whoever moves into the White House will be less indulgent towards their powerful neighbour to the south.

Latin diplomats say Reagan tended to view Latin America in

bour to the south.

In South Africa, official sympathies clearly lie with Bush rather than Dukakis, who has promised to step up sanctions and declare the country a terrorist state.

Eight years ago the region marked a watershed with the start of Reagan's "constructive engagement" policy to South Africa, and the birth of an independent Zimbabwe.

Confrontation

Since then the region has been scarred by confrontation between South Africa and its neighbours, who have accused it of using economic pressure and military might to destabilise them.

But the picture is changing because of the prospect of independence for Namibia, the goal of US-brokered peace talks involving Angola, Cuba and South Africa.

For South Africa, agreeing to Namibian independence provides an opportunity to blunt pressure for sanctions in the US Congress in 1989.

President P.W. Botha is already extracting diplomatic leverage from the Angolan peace process by raising his profile in black Africa where he has visited several leaders recently.

But other factors are at work reshaping the future of the region. The most important is a shift of policy in Moscow towards a negotiated solution to the problem of South Africa, and co-operation with the United States.

The leaders of Latin America's major countries have been careful not to take sides publicly during the campaign, but it is no secret that many Latin feel relations with the United States would take a turn for the better under a Democratic administration.

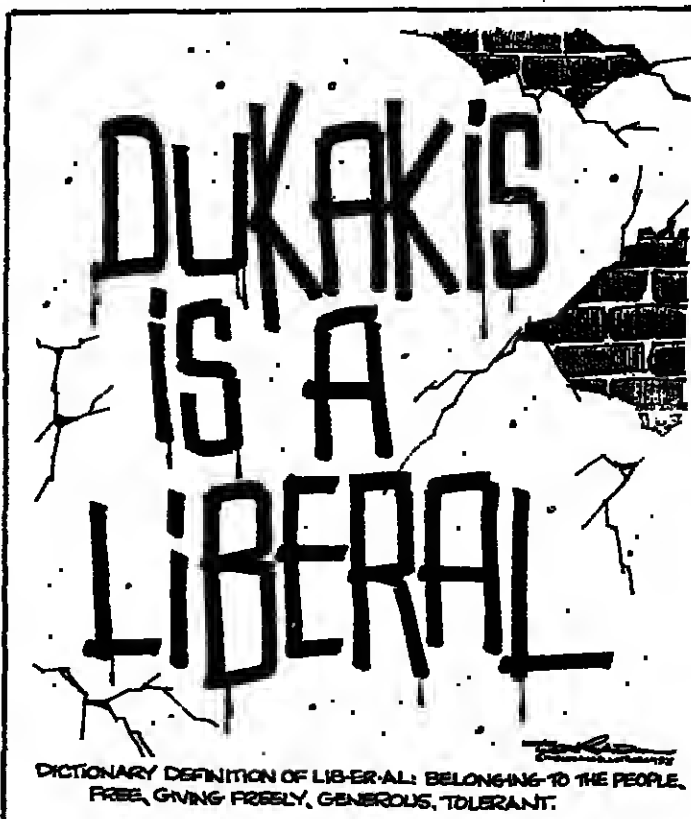
Warning

One senior European diplomat said a declaration issued after a meeting of seven presidents in Punta del Este, Uruguay, at the weekend could be read as a warning to Bush that perpetuating Reagan's policies would invite friction.

The summit, which grouped the presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, laid emphasis on what many Latins consider to have been costly US policy failures during Reagan's tenure.

Since Reagan took office in 1981 saying he would "draw the line against communism" in Central America, Latin America and Washington have differed on issues ranging from the conflicts in Nicaragua and El Salvador to drugs, trade and the region's crushing foreign debt.

Latin diplomats say Reagan tended to view Latin America in



the context of East-West conflict rather than deal with the region on its own terms and take due account of national sensitivities.

Bush favours sending more military and economic aid to right-wing insurgents fighting for the overthrow of the Nicaraguan government.

Aid

US aid for the Contra rebels has been one of the most sensitive issues in Latin-US relations. In the eyes of its southern neighbours, Washington pressed for military solutions in Nicaragua despite regional efforts to settle the conflict peacefully.

Middle East nations generally want a Bush victory, preferring what they expect will be continuity of policy the uncertainties of a Dukakis administration.

Arab states distrust Dukakis because of his pledge to move the US embassy in Israel to occupied Jerusalem and because he has a Jewish wife.

"Dukakis has distinguished himself by favouring Israel in at least one issue when he declared his determination to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem in case he is elected," said Hassan-on's acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Selim Hoss.

Bush has benefited from what one Kuwaiti minister described as the golden age in relations under Reagan after the United States agreed to reflag and escort 11 Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf from Iranian attack.

Egyptians expect that whoever wins, Washington will continue to be Cairo's biggest aid donor

when you are in charge and have to face international reality then when you are a candidate," he added.

The close and personally warm ties developed between Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the only Western leader to allow British bases to be used by US planes in the April, 1986 bombing raid on Libya, will be underlined by the president's invitation to her to meet his successor in Washington only a week after the election.

Thatcher's position as the West's longest-serving leader, and her cordial relations with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, would also stand in her good stead to advise a possible incoming Democratic administration on defence and East-West relations, her aides said.

Issues

The Italian Foreign Ministry said the main US issues affecting Europe were keeping up momentum in East-West arms negotiations and reducing the US trade deficit.

Many commentators in Italy complained it was difficult to predict the direction of US foreign policy because the candidates had steered away from real issues in their campaigns.

"What Bush and Dukakis are not saying" was the headline of a recent editorial in Italy's leading La Repubblica newspaper, which said neither candidate had given the trade deficit and its effects the weight it deserved.

The Bonn Foreign Ministry refused comment on whether it preferred a victory by one or the other candidate.

But a senior Foreign Ministry official said Bonn wanted the next US administration to avoid any trend toward protectionism. Bonn also was interested in a continued thaw in US-Soviet relations, crucial for its fragile links with East Germany.

Official government view

aside, it is widely believed that Bonn would prefer a Bush victory to ensure continuity in US foreign policy, above all in super-power relations.

"The conservative-led government in Bonn would be more comfortable with a similar conservative administration in Washington," said Gerhard Schweigert, a specialist in US-West German relations.

"Bush knows how the world functions and has been around more than Dukakis," he said. "There is concern that Dukakis has never bothered to visit major European capitals and does not know us, also that he has no foreign policy experience per se, in contrast to Bush."

Schweigert said Bonn wanted the next US administration to resist pressure for reducing the US troops presence in Europe and avoid disputes on burden-

sharing in NATO.

US trade protectionism and American military power are the issues that most concern Asia, with a Bush victory popularly seen as the best result for some countries of the region.

Relations

Beijing's relations with Washington have been relatively smooth for eight years and diplomats say Bush is seen as most likely to keep them that way.

Reagan vetoed legislation that would have hit China's exports, particularly textiles and clothing which account for one third of its sales to the United States.

Beijing also wants continued US liberalisation of curbs on technology sales to China.

Reagan last month gave conditional approval to China to launch US-built satellites for foreign clients.

South Korea, with a trade surplus with Washington of nearly \$10 billion, has come under pressure in the past two years to revalue its currency and open markets to US imports.

The won has been revalued gradually and the domestic market liberalised, though not enough for US tastes.

Nevertheless the Reagan administration has opposed mainly Democratic pressure for protectionist moves against Seoul.

"Hearing their election pledges does not make us believe one would be better than the other," said Lee Ho-Yun, chief researcher at the Korean Foreign Trade Association.

"But in view of the histories of those parties, the Democrats would be more protectionist," said Anu-Americanism has been fanned in recent months by radical students over the presence of more than 40,000 US troops who back the country's armed forces.

"Dukakis reminds me of Carter, whose policies were damaging to our nation's interests," said office worker Tai Miyung. President Carter committed himself to pulling US troops out of South Korea but never followed through.

In Taipei and Tokyo, some officials saw little difference between the candidates.

"We are not too optimistic about the future as both candidates said they would use the trade law more aggressively," said Shin Yasunobu, divisional deputy director in Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Taiwan's Fredrick Chien, until this year unofficial ambassador to Washington, said Taipei hoped for free trade, continued US military sales to the island and an absence of American pressure for it to negotiate with Beijing.

Firings at British intelligence headquarters fuel uproar

By Maggie Jackson

LONDON, (AP): Four men have been fired for flouting a 1984 ban on unions at Britain's top secret intelligence-gathering facility, provoking new charges that Margaret Thatcher's government is undermining civil liberties.

The four are among a handful of holdouts at the government communications headquarters which eavesdrops on the Soviet Union and whose work Prime Minister Thatcher says is too sensitive to risk disruption by strikes.

But critics see the firings as the latest occasion on which the Thatcher government has chosen to sacrifice an element of individual freedom for what it calls the national interest.

"The present dispute is one aspect of a much larger debate," says Donald Cameron Watt, a professor of international history at the London School of Economics. "It's become a party policy issue over the issue of openness of information, the reform of secrecy (laws)."

Firings

The firings at the huge facility at Cheltenham, southwest England, follow two highly controversial clampdowns. This month the government banned broadcast interviews with members of the Irish Republican Army and 10 other militant Northern Ireland groups, and announced plans to remove suspects' right to remain silent under police questioning.

At Cheltenham, the unions have lost a string of legal battles and have no chance of overturning the ban, but refuse to back down.

They plan a day of strikes and rallies Nov 7 to climax a fierce protest campaign against the October firings.

"If (the right to belong to a trade union) ... is denied anywhere it is threatened everywhere," wrote Bill McCull, general secretary of the Institution of

Professional Civil Servants, in the union's Oct 24 newsletter.

With the dismissals, only 13 rebels are left — all facing early retirement, compulsory transfer or dismissal — out of the one-third of the 7,000 employees at the facility who were union members in 1984.

Compensation

At the time, most accepted £1,000 (then \$1,400) in compensation to quit their union.

None of the hold-outs had been fired until this year, although union officials say the government tried to freeze them out with tactics such as refusing them pay raises.

Mike Grindley, a Chinese-language expert, estimates he lost £5,000 to 6,000 (\$8,850 to \$10,000) in raises before being fired this month. He now works full time on the campaign.

"We don't think about the money too much," Grindley, 51, said in a telephone interview. "It hasn't been easy, but there's been compensation ... you can hold your head up high."

In imposing the ban, Thatcher cited pay strikes in 1979-81 which disrupted the 24-hour-a-day work at Cheltenham, the European centre of Soviet eavesdropping for NATO.

Jailed

The facility attracted international attention in 1982 when Geoffrey Prime, a translator in Russian at the facility, was uncovered as a Soviet agent. Prime, considered among the West's most damaging post-World War II traitors, was jailed for 35 years.

"You can make quite a strong case on the government point," said professor Watt, a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Intelligence and National Security.

"The government believed they had a case, it wasn't just union-bashing," he added in an interview. "They operate on a worst-case analysis, and (strikes) were something they had very good reason to think would happen."

The unions retort that strikes never affected security and that the government rejected a 1984 offer of a no-strike deal.

"The know ... that traitors are not found among the ranks of trade unionists," the Trades Union Congress said in a campaign ad, referring to the upper-class background of Britain's most notorious modern spies, Kim Philby, Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess.

Thatcher supporters have expressed unease at the government's refusal to compromise in the Cheltenham dispute. Commentator Nicholas Comfort, writing in the pro-conservative daily Telegraph on the growing power of the state over the individual, said the government "could have reached a no-strike agreement if it had tried."

Terrorism

"It is not just the threat of terrorism which has brought fresh intervention into our daily lives," Comfort added.

Without mentioning the no-strike deal, the British government was also criticized in June by an autonomous United Nations agency, the International Labour Organisation, for failing to uphold an international convention on the right to organize.

The unions, already weakened by Thatcher union-curbing legislation, know the Nov 7 protest will not change anything.

"(But) it is very important that the situation has to be registered that neither this government nor any government in the world can get the idea that the issue of freedom evaporates (in the face of their) great powers," said Norman Willis, general secretary of the 9-million member Trades Union Congress, the national labour federation.

Said Ralph Groves, a national officer of the Civil and Public Services Association, "it's better for us in the sense it's reached this stage. But there is an ongoing civil liberties argument ... the fight will continue."

People are starving in some parts of Sudan

By David Rees

JUBA, Sudan, (Reuters): Juba, the besieged capital of southern Sudan, is a city of wanderers.

An endless search for food sends thousands shuffling through empty marketplaces and thousands more straggling in from a countryside at war.

Rebel forces of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) have kept Juba under a loose siege for years so the hunger is not new. But now many people are starving.

A Reuters correspondent and photographer — the first foreign journalist to see Juba in nearly a year — found a city with almost no food, with no work.

All hopes seemed pinned on a UN airlift of maize which started last week in spite of fears that the rebels might shoot down the UN plane.

Autonomy

The SPLA seeks greater autonomy for the mainly Christian and animist south from a central government it considers too much dominated by the Muslim Arabs of the north.

In the dusty two-acre (one-hectare) Conyo-Conyo market, thousands of women, each with an empty pail or basket, wandered through row after row of empty stalls, searching for grain that was not there.

Some are even worse off. Angela Anduga, 25, is pregnant, so the foragers of the Juba 1 primary school yard where she lives have left her behind to look after the children.

She cupped a hand gently beneath the chin of a scrawny, dusty one-year-old who vomited a yellow, watery stream.

"We have no food but these," she said, gesturing wanly at small pile of the water lily buds on which she lives.

Buds

The foragers gather the golf-ball sized green buds from the Nile, a mile and a half (two km) away. They eat them dried or cooked into a purplish porridge. Their food value is very small.

A few yards away, a man shares a tin bowl of yellowish boiled and salted water with his two sons.

Thousands search for food that isn't there

His third son, a two-year-old, eyes streaming with infection, sips his portion from a dirt-encrusted orange plastic bowl.

Such people, who will get about a soup-tin full of maize a day when the UN's maize is distributed, are refugees from Sudan's civil war. The government estimates there are 100,000 of them in Juba. They have settled on almost every bit of free land in town.

Many of the refugees sleep under the stars, with not even a tent or shelter.

Others have taken over the schools — in one 50 foot by 10 foot (15 metre by three metre) building, 200 refugees sleep.

Around the back, an old woman watched two tiny babies, eight and nine months old, huddled under a dirty cloth, hardly seeming to breathe.

"They have diarrhoea and they are always cold," the woman said, tucking the cloth in more tightly. The temperature was above 30 Centigrade (around 90 Fahrenheit).

"People are just melting away," said Sister Marilyn Norris, a Maryknoll nun from San Francisco, who runs a nearby clinic.

She said she needs more medicine to stock her clinic, a 10-foot (three-metre) square shack of corrugated steel.

Malaria and intestinal disease are the main threats.

"There's no hygiene any more," said Chapin Karas Yok-oju, director of information for the province.

"People are so hungry that they will pick up anything, even if it's rotten, even if it's filthy. We can't stop them."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1605 — "Gunpowder plot" by Guy Fawkes to blow up British houses of parliament is uncovered.

1630 — Treaty of Madrid ends Anglo-Spanish war.

1817 — Third Maratha war against British in India begins with attack on Poona, Nagpur and Indore.

1840 — Mehmet Ali of Egypt agrees to terms of Treaty of London.

1883 — The Mahdi defeats Egyptian force under William Hicks at El Abaid and Britain decides to evacuate the Sudan.

1911 — Italy annexes Tripoli and Cyrenaica.

1914 — France and Britain declare war on Turkey; Britain annexes Cyprus.

1916 — Central powers proclaim kingdom of Poland.

1950 — US Gen. Douglas MacArthur reports massing of Chinese communists in North Korea.

1956 — British paratroopers land at Port Said, Egypt; Soviet Union threatens use of rockets unless Britain and France accept Middle East ceasefire.

1962 — UN General Assembly demands all nuclear tests cease by January 1, 1963.

1970 — Vatican issues document reforming Roman Catholic mass.

1985 — UN General Assembly approves resolution calling on Vietnam to withdraw its forces from Cambodia.

1987 — South Africa releases African National Congress leader Govan Mbeki, prisoner for 23 years and colleague of Nelson Mandela.

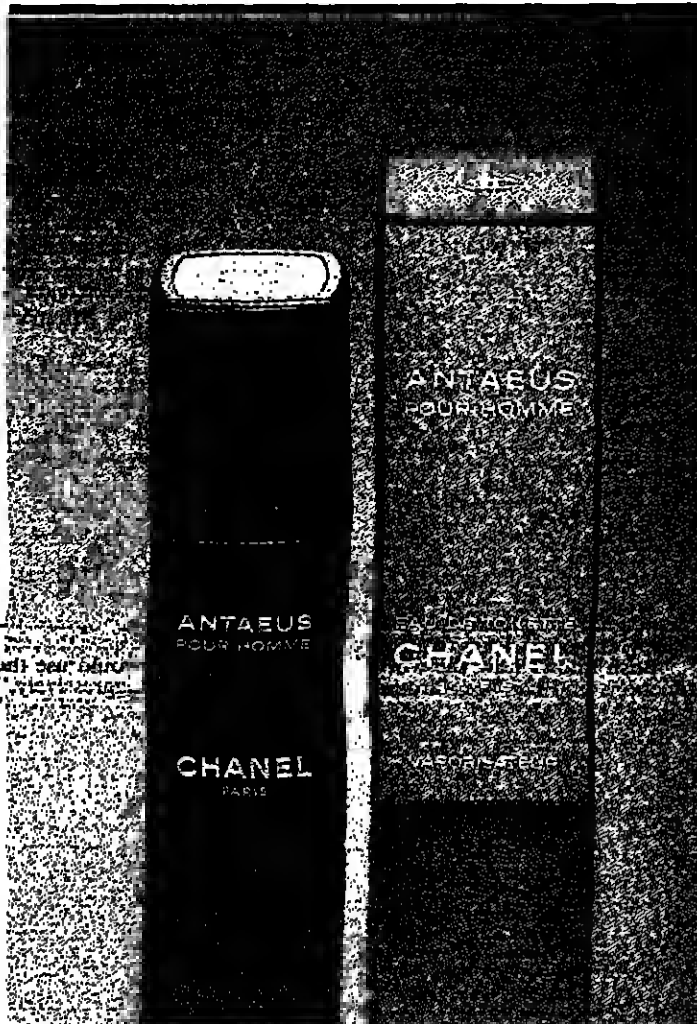


● Scottish pianist David McArthur enthralled the audience with his skilful interpretation of music by such masters as Beethoven and Schumann, among others. McArthur, who performed at the Mousetrap Theatre, last week, was giving his third recital in Kuwait. An accomplished pianist, he has performed in several countries around the globe.

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Natural history exhibits from
in and around Kuwait, includ-
ing blue whale. Friday: 9 am
onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to
12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm.
Collection includes rare
Islamic artefacts, Quranic
manuscripts, ceramics, carpets
and marine equipment.
Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12
noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9
am to noon. Collection of
Islamic arts, costumes and
jewellery from the Muslim
world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12
noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits
include bedouin handicrafts —
rugs, saddle bags, cushions and
textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

Animation in Japan
Japanese Animation Film



● Line softening makeup in the form of a cream foundation called 'Tient Actual' has recently been launched by Christian Dior in Kuwait. Translucent, light and matt, it gives the skin added protection.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Fatawa
Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi,
Farouk Fishawi
Al Sahniya
Police Academy 5
Starring: Bubba Smith,
David Croft
Al Hamra
Lethal Weapon
Starring: Mel Gibson,
Danny Galtar
Drive-In
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Ohaid,
Sahireen, Hisham Salim,
Salah Qabil

Festival: Kuwait Hilton,
Terrace Room.

NOV 5-6: 4 pm Barefoot
Gen. Part 1; 6 pm — Barefoot
Gen Part 2. Duration 115 min-
utes.

MUSIC

Piano and Violin recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will
present a piano and violin
recital by Matthias Kellig and
Tibor Kovacs. They will play
compositions by Beethoven,
Schubert and Brahms. Tickets
available from the Hilton
lobby.

SOCIAL

Canadian Women's League

NOV 5: The Canadian
Women's League in Kuwait
will hold a meeting-cum-get
together from 4 to 6 pm. For
details call 3718678.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
NOV 6: Kuwait Hilton, Old
Failaka Room 10 am. Interest-
ing news will be shared with
ladies at the regular monthly
meeting coffee morning on
Sunday. All German-speaking
ladies are requested to attend.

Japan Week

NOV 4-8: High-Tech Show
at the Hilton: eye-catching new

electronic goods.

NOV 6/7: Hilton Hotel.
Japanese cultural show featur-
ing traditional "fast foods",
magic show, candy-making,
traditional games and folk dan-
ces.

All are welcome. Admission
to all the above events is free.

Diwali Celebration

NOV 10: The Indian Arts
Circle will celebrate Diwali.
Open to members and their
guests. Highlight: Narthana's
"Nritotsav 88" — dance-
drama show. For entry passes
call IAC — Tel: 3904817.

Nite Flight 88

NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The
Tent. 9.30 pm: Airline staff will
hold a social evening with
music by Juke Box Band, Step-
ping Stones, and the Jazz Quar-
tet. Buffet, contest, prizes and
surprises. For reservation con-
tact Ken Winston — 5740256;
John — 2435440; Tony —
2415439.

Contact

NOV 12: SAS Hotel, 10 am:
Contact, the ladies information
group, will hold a meeting.
Newcomers to Kuwait are par-
ticularly welcome. Tel:
487413; 5388105.

Navel in Youth Centre

NOV 17: Second social get-
together at a local hotel. Music
by Stepping Stones. For details
ring 3407360 after 3.30 pm.

Brer Rabbit

NOV 12-18: 6.30 pm. Brer
Rabbit, a children's musical
show, will be performed at the
Universal American School.
Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17/18: Matinees at 3

pm at the same venue. For
reservations call 5740256/7, 9
am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or
5731782.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh
Society will hold "Tramps Sup-
per". For further details call
3713467.

HOTELS

At the Ramada

Le Mirage Night Club: Thur-
sday night BBQ. full buffet:
music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bandar Coffee Shop: con-
tinental and Arabic buffets for
breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6
am to midnight; a la carte
available.

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night; a selection of teas, cof-
fees, and juices; Arguilla water
pipe available; videoss shown on
large screen every day.

Take away counter: 4 pm to
11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and
snacks.

At the Hilton

La Palma: Musical luncheon
on Friday for family and
friends from noon to 3 pm. Buf-
fet features a variety of hot and

cold Arab and Continental dis-
hes.

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chef's recommendation for
lunch — 12.30 - 3 pm; and din-
ner — 7.30 — 11.30 pm, except
Fridays.

SPORTS

Windsurfing contest

NOV 11: Last chance to enter
the annual windsurfing and
photographic competitions.
due to be held at the SAS Club.
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entries is Nov 9. Application
forms available at SAS recep-
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**PBAK knock-out
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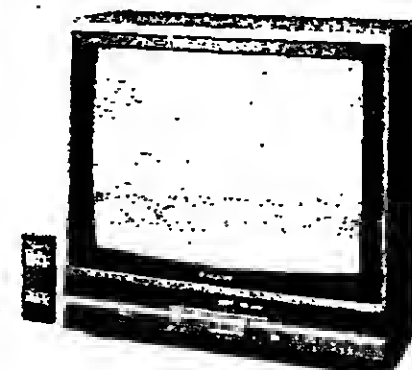
NOV 11: 9 am to 9 pm. 300
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to men and women. Entrance
fee: KD3.500 (members) and
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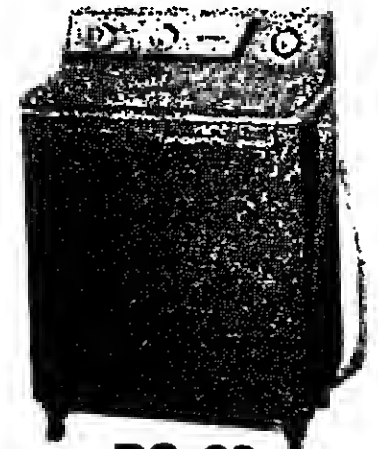
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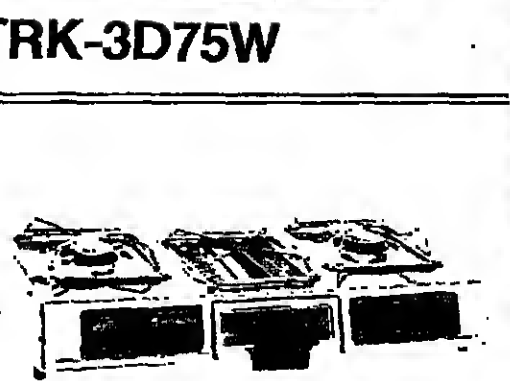
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EVENTS

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: "Space."
A look at human endeavours to explore space.
7.00 Steel Riders: Pressure mounts on Lee and Mike to hack the government computer.
7.30 Challenge: "Antarctic."
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Keeping Up Appearances." The doctor questions the husband about his wife's unnatural injuries.
9.30 Hooperman: "John Doe", starring John Ritter: Hooperman seeks psychic help to solve a case.
10.00 She is the Sheriff: Hildy has an unpleasant discussion with her mother. Starring: Suzanne Sommers.
10.30 Best-Seller: "The Gambler." Part 2.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Close down.

MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: this week's show looks at the life of children in Montreal, Canada.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.
7.30 Out of This World: "I've Got A Secret." Evie's secret is out and the entire town is at the door to look at the girl from outer-space.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "Heroes of Revolution." A Cuban officer's posting in Miami raises new problems for the vice-squad. Starring: Don Johnson.
9.30 In Search Of: "Deadly Ants."
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: Starring: Harry Morgan. Comedy.
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: Starring: William Conrad and E. Penny. A murderer challenges the police to stop him from committing a crime.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Close down.

TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poonsangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Ships of Trade." A group of British and Dutch archaeologists search for sunken trade vessels.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Bang the Big Drum." The police are on the lookout for Maggie's husband.
9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson.
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: tonight's episode examines the devastating



A scene from Sunday's best-seller 'The Gambler'.

tion caused by hurricanes in the US.
10.30 Edge of Darkness: police thriller. Detective Brian is involved in unravelling another mystery.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Close down.

WEDNESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: examines the benefits of blood tests; earth's movements and architecture.
7.00 Pals: Oscar and Sammy go to the mountains.
7.30 Growing Pains: "Nasty Habits." Starring: Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: "Metamorphic." Austin and Mickey are hired to take care of Jepphine — the chimpanzee.
9.30 The Secret World: examines African legends.
10.00 What's Happening Now: While the couple holiday, their adopted daughter runs away from home.
10.30 L.A. Law: a look at the life, loves and work of lawyers.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Close down.

THURSDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoons
6.30 Sesame Street: a programme for young viewers.
7.30 Mac and Muttley
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: "Road Ranger." The highwayman's friend is killed in a shootout with police.
9.30 The Cosby Show: the Huxtable's get tough with their children. Comedy.
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools
10.30 Late Night Movie: "T.A.G.: The Assassination Bureau." Starring: Robert Curdaine, Linda Hamilton, Perry Lang, Kristine de Bell. College kids play a game — like Dungeons and

Poor show

By Fathima Ahmed

Mohe aayi na jag se laaj, sang Salma Agha on Thursday night at the "Nagham Ki Raat, Sitaron Ke Saath." She couldn't have "sung" a more appropriate number to fool the audience, waiting for a live performance by the artiste who has carved — a career in the Indian and Pakistani film industries. (Incidentally, she holds a British passport).

As the tape played in the background, the singer gallantly moved her lips, in disharmony with the soundtrack. One could see the embarrassed orchestra pretending to play the instruments they were handing. The restless audience caught her in the act and Salma had her men behind the curtain switch off the tape and began what she was supposed to do in the first place: give a live performance. Agreed, it was her own voice playing on the tape, but one can't help but wonder why people have to pay high priced tickets to listen to a tape recording when they can do that at a much lesser cost at home?

Said one disgruntled Salma admirer: "She was hopeless." Not really. She has a powerful voice, and a strong seductive stage presence. That she did not deem it fit to make use of her attributes is another matter.

The camera doesn't do justice to Salma's impeccable beauty. She is stunning, despite her bleached hair. Many of her admirers were disappointed not only by her unethical methods on stage but also by her delayed arrival at 11.20 pm, more than three hours after the show began with a whimper.

The show started at 7.55 pm, 55 minutes after the scheduled time. (One should admire the patience of the three envoys — Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi. But this can't be said of the back benchers who had a field day whistling and hooting, reminding one of the four-anna ticket holders in cinema halls in India).

Attendance was poor. So, was the response from the artistes, who must have been disappointed to see many empty chairs in the hall.

Said compere and mimic Shahid Bijnouri minutes after coming on stage: "I hear only 13 and a half people applauded."

But the applause came, when the artistes deserved it. When Shahid Bijnouri presented the mime-act "A blind beggar in a train compartment" or narrating the tale of the "Eunuch in the police department." The latter brought a smile on the lips of even the most serious people in the audience.

The show gathered some momentum when charming Poonam Dhillon came on stage to sing a Punjabi number, followed by singer Suresh Wadkar, who lifted the audience's spirits with such numbers as "Aur iss dil mein kya rakha hai, tera hi dard chupa rakha hai" and the title number from Ram Teri Ganga Maali and others. One could have listened to the sonorous, resonant voice of the singer for much longer than the 20 or so minutes allotted to him.

One star who kept a promise was Rajiv Kapoor. Showbiz is in the blood of the Kapoor clan and Rajiv took to the stage like a fish takes to water, offering some of the best entertainment of the night, dancing to such numbers as "Ramaiyya wasta waiyya" among others.

Sulakhana Pandit made a brave effort, despite her minor ailment due to Kuwait's weather, and overcame the odds she faced — a sound system that blanked out while she was on stage. One could only sympathise with the self-proclaimed "baby", who visited Kuwait with Mohammad Rafi when she was 11 years old in 1965, and forgave her.

The star of yesteryears, Biswajeet, who sang Hemant Kumar's songs, also faced a similar dilemma. The sound system hiccupped once too often. The silence was deafening. So was the sound, when the system overworked.

After seeing several so-called "star-studded" shows in Kuwait, one feels that it is better to fantasise about glittering promises — on the silver screen. Facing bitter realities leaves a bad taste in the mouth. With due apologies to the organisers, and in all fairness to them, one must admit that they did put in a lot of effort to bring some excitement on the cultural scene. If only they could put together well-orchestrated shows, their efforts would be better appreciated, even by the art-wits like me.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob AI Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Dars Khusoos: local serial. Starring: Abdul Hussein, Abdul Rida, Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahad.
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial, starring Abeer Essa, Mohammad Qabani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Gulf Cuisine
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Close down

EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Young Artists
5.30 Songs

- 6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer, Rushwan, Taufiq, Huda Sultan.
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Noor Al Islam
7.30 Security and Citizens
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman.
10.45 Daerat Al Ahdath: Circle of Events. Prepared and presented by Kamel Sulaiman.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Close down

- 8.00 News in English
8.45 Our House: Grandpa is not keen to stick to a diet ordered by the doctor.
9.32 The First Eden: "The Mediterranean World and Man." David Attenborough presents this new documentary on development of civilisation over the years.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Family Sins". Starring: James Farentino, Jill Eikenberry. This film tries to probe the dark recesses of a troubled child's mind.
11.30 News in brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Close down

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KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.12 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.44 Short Stories
7.00 The Survival Factor: nature. How frogs

- survive in their natural habitat.
7.30 Life with Lucy: "Lucy convinces Oliver to get a 'goose guard'. The results are quacky!"
8.00 News in English
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RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
30 Personal View
45 Recording of the Week
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Classical Record Review
45 Book Choice
50 New Ideas
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 People and Politics
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Vintage Chart Show
0400 Newsdesk
30 Here's Humphil
45 Personal View
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News
45 Words of Faith
0600 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 People and Politics
0700 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Classical Record Review
30 Meridian
1200 Newsdesk
15 Multitrack 3
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 Words of Faith
1400 News Summary followed by The Kitchen Sink
30 Meridian

- 0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From the Weeklies
35 Saturday Only
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 A Jolly Good Show
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Personal View
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humphil
15 Letter from America
30 People and Politics
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
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09 News about Britain
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45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Composer of the Month
1900 News Summary followed by Gala Concert
2000 World News
09 From Our Own Correspondent
25 Words of Faith
30 Meridian

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
1910 Rehteen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Jaizah
2000 News
2030 Songs
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A rock critic takes issue on the near-saintliness status of pop icons U2

Are U2 too good to be true?

By Marcus Berkman

FOR every rock critic, there's always one band whose success is an unsolvable enigma, whose records are never less than exonerating and music is not so much irritating as provocative. For me, that band is U2.

That's not necessarily a wise thing to admit, for U2 are the current holders of that unofficial but prestigious title, The Biggest Band In The World. Their last album, The Joshua Tree, sold more than 12 million copies worldwide. Their new album, Rattle And Hum, just released, is expected to sell more than a million copies in the UK.

On the face of it, they're harmless Irish four-piece whose only obvious sin is a tendency to silly pseudonyms (their guitarist calls himself 'The Edge') they nevertheless drive me round the bend.

It seems I am alone in this reaction. No other group attracts such slavish devotion. To read some of their Press, you would think that sanctification cannot be far away. Their lead singer Bono (another silly name) must be a good bet for the Nobel Peace Prize, sooner or later.

Disliking them places you in pop music's equivalent of an H.M. Bateman cartoon. Not to appreciate the epic Irish intensity of U2's rock style is to miss out for reasons of some unexplained character defect on an overwhelming musical experience — in other words, to be wrong. In many ways their appeal is primarily nostalgic. U2 represents the return of Rock, in the long-hair, loud-guitars, gallons-of-sweat sense of the word. Their music is created for a wide screen, full of power and passion and intense sensuousness. To be a rock icon in 1988 you have to be Serious, and U2 are Very Serious indeed. Which explains, at least partly, why they are so incredibly clean-living, happily married and politically hip. This is, after all, the era of the Rock 'n' Roll Goody Goody, with pop musicians hijacking

'This is, after all, the era of the rock 'n' roll goody goody, with pop musicians hijacking the role of global conscience ... and of all the goody-goody none gives quite as many apples to teacher as U2...'



U2: attracts slavish devotion

the role of global conscience on every conceivable right-on political issue.

And of all the goody goodies, none gives us quite as many apples to teacher as U2. They support Amnesty International. They are alive to social problems. They are Concerned People.

Crackers
What's not so well known is that they are born-again-Christians. They've even got the spectre of Bible-thumping evangelism has done little harm

to their sales.

But it's the music that drives me crackers. Increasingly it sounds like a throwback to the heavy rock of the early Seventies — some of the ugliest music ever invented.

Their recent discovery of the blues has made things even worse. On Rattle And Hum they sometimes sound exactly like Led Zeppelin.

They have managed to repack the more commercial elements of '80s rock — loud blues-based guitars and

greasy hair while dropping the now unacceptable side effects — promiscuity and heroin overdoses.

Instead they have added their Irishness, their saintliness and their seriousness. It's a clever formula, although one beset by the ever-present threat of bumbum.

Take their argument with their biographer, ex-footballer and Irish journalist Eamon Dunphy. Hired to stress their mythic, saintly side Dunphy instead turned out a rather more journalistically rigorous work, which, if amazingly badly written, was nevertheless an interestingly informative portrait of the group.

U2 downed the book (The Unforgettable Fire, now out in Penguin), famous as they are for their 'hoosey', it was perhaps a little too honest for comfort.

Their rise to saintliness has been hard fought. Like every group, they toured and recorded over half a dozen years, consolidating their successes and slowly building an audience.

But it was Live Aid in 1985 which pushed them into the Mother Teresa bracket.

Indecent
Rattle And Hum is the record of a band at the height of its career. A motley collection of live tracks (six), new studio tracks (nine), dodgy cover versions and bizarre collaborations, it is in fact the soundtrack of a new film.

Every review I have read has dished out praise with almost indecent charity, but I found it transcendently dull.

They even sell singles: Desire, the most recent release, reached number one. But Desire is not a single. If anyone besides U2 had released it, it would not even have been played on the radio.

It must be hard work, being obsessed by your own myth. But U2 are well paid for it, and even if the Pope is not forthcoming with the ultimate gong (St Bono, anyone?), their place in the kingdom of heaven is assured.

Enya remains No. 1 in UK

Beach Boys float to top of US charts

NEW YORK, (AP) — The Beach Boys made their way to the number one position on the single pop record charts in the United States with their new hit Kokomo. The disc was third a week ago.

Groovy Kind Of Love by Phil Collins slipped from the top to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart. The Escape Club's Wild, Wild West moved down from second to third.

Climbing fast on the top 10 list was Desire by U2, up from 11th to 7th. The week's only other newcomer to the list was Kissing a Fool by George Michael, up from 15th to 10th.

Rosanne Cash took over the number one spot on Cash Box magazine's Country-and-Western singles chart with Runaway Train. The Desert Rose Band's Summer Wind was second, while Blue to the Bone by Sweethearts of the Rodeo was third.

Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (3) Kokomo — The Beach Boys (Elektra).
- (1) Groovy Kind Of Love — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
- (2) Wild, Wild West — The Escape Club (Atlantic).
- (6) Bad Medicine — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
- (7) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (Geffen).
- (8) One Moment in Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (11) Desire — U2 (Island).
- (10) Never Tear US Apart — Inxs (Atlantic).
- (5) Don't You Know What The Night Can Do? — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
- (15) Kissing a Fool — George Michael (Columbia).

The top 10 Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (3) Runaway Train — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
- (2) Summer Wind — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
- (4) Blue to the Bone — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).
- (7) New Shade of Blue — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).



- (8) Desperately — Don Williams (Capitol).
- (10) I've Been Lookin' — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).
- (12) I'll Leave This World Loving You — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).
- (9) What Do You Want From Me This Time — Foster and Lloyd (RCA).
- (11) Boogie Woogie Fiddle Country Blues — Charlie Daniels Band (Epic).
- (6) Saturday Night Special — Conway Twitty (MCA).

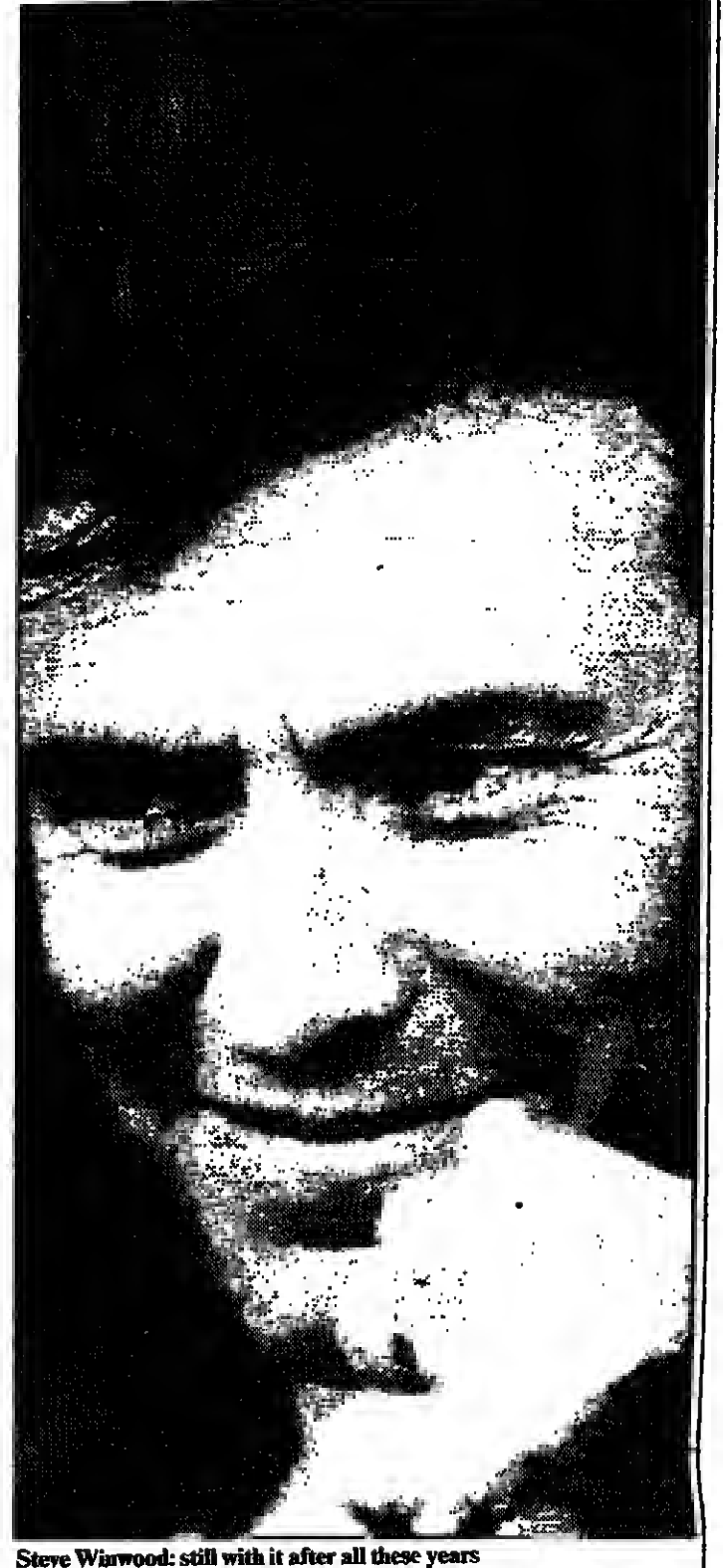
Top Ten UK

In London Irish folk-Rock singer Enya remained at the top of the British pop singles record chart for a second straight week with her hit Orinoco Flow.

Australian teen-ager Kylie Minogue's Je Ne Sais Pas Pourquoi jumped from sixth place to second, while Kiss by Art of Noise soared from number 16 to number 3.

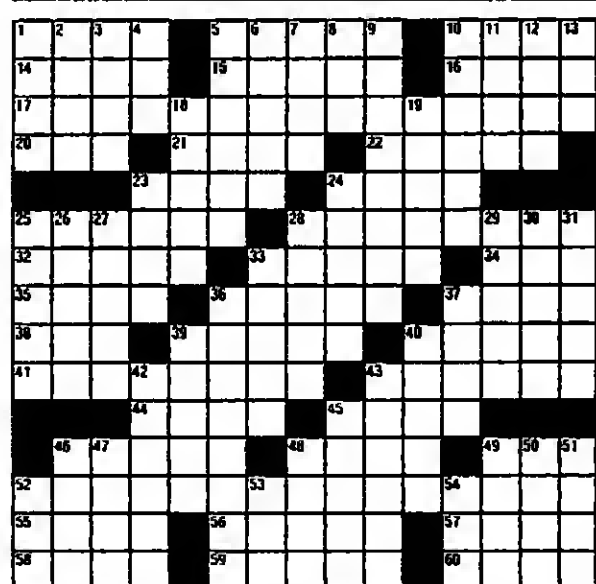
This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) Orinoco Flow — Enya (W.A.).
- (6) Je Ne Sais Pourquoi — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
- (16) Kiss — Art of Noise (China).
- (7) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Cool Tempo).
- (2) We Call It Aced — D. Moh (London).
- (14) She Makes My Day — Robert Palmer (EMI).
- (—) Stand Up For Your Love Rights — Yaz (Eig Life).
- (5) Harvest For The World — Christians (Island).
- (3) One Moment in Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (9) Wee Rule — Wee Papa Girl Rappers (Jive).



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Even monarchs are mortal. How

often has the cry rung out: "The

king is dead. Long live the king!" It

is the story of this hand.

In first or second position, we

would open the South hand with a

demand bid even though it might be

a point or so light. It has only four

losers and we would want to alert

partner to the fact that, if he holds

two aces, we are in slam territory. In

fourth seat, though, we would settle

for an opening four-heart bid.

First, it's odds-against partner

bidding two aces. Secondly, even

that might not be enough.

Against four hearts West leads

the top of his spade sequence. A

careless declarer wins in hand and

then finds that he has no entry to

dummy. He bangs out the ace-king

of trumps, but when the queen falls

to drop the contract is irretrievably

lost. Declarer must play everything

from hand, and he ends up surren-

dering a trick in each red suit and

two clubs.

A more careful declarer realizes

that his only entry to the table is the

ace of spades, so he will rise with

that card at trick one, squandering

the king under it. He will then use

the entry for the trump finesse. That

succeeds, but when West shows out

on the next trump, declarer must

still concede a trump trick and the

contract.

The expert foresees that his best

chance for the contract is to find

East with the ace of clubs. After

winning the first trick in dummy, he

leads a club to the king. When that

works, he is home. If it loses, he can

still try to drop the queen of trumps

for his 10th trick.

So one king had to be sacrificed

for the other to reign supreme. Long

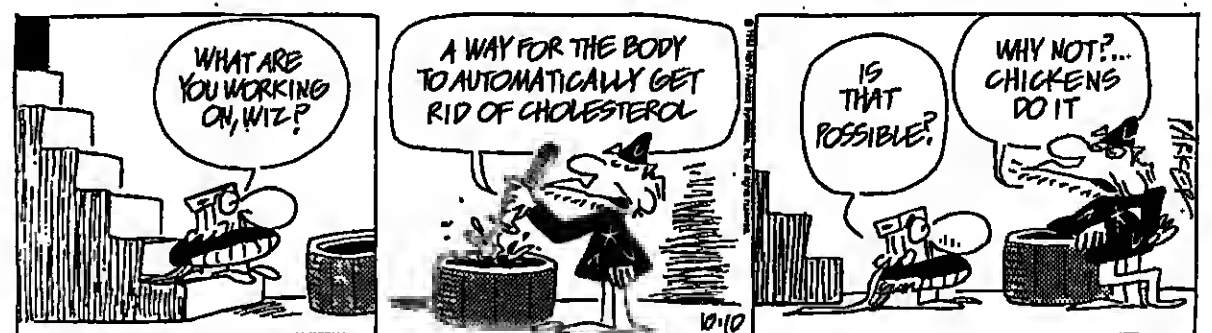
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"You should be careful with blisters. You'd better let the doctor take a look at it."

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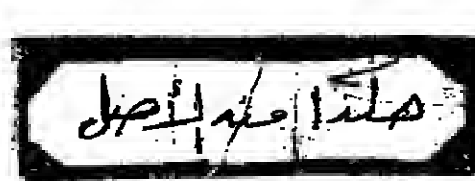
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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You will have plenty of energy but must beware of dissipating it. You should not make a promise you do not intend to keep. Avoid spending too much time playing with gadgets. Be alert.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will tend to spend too much time window-shopping. Make sure you do not betray something you have promised to keep secret. You will have something to be really pleased about. Be sensible.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
This is going to be a busy and important day for you. You will tend to be more nervous than the occasion justifies. You should demonstrate the courage of your convictions. Be fair.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
This is going to be busy but of the world but there are influences militating against you. You should make sure you do not gloss over something that could be of importance to you. Do not put yourself first to such an extent. Be considerate.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
The influences are largely favorable but you must still exercise a great deal of caution. You should avoid doing anything that might injure your health. A good opportunity will vanish before you could avail yourself of it.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You will have to make the best of things but you will be able to do so. If you show a little more goodwill you will in the end be well rewarded. You should make sure your partner feels loved. Be patient.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
This is going to be a busy but most satisfying day for you. If you show a little more compassion when dealing with an older person you will be much appreciated. You should not believe all you hear. Be tolerant.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
This is going to be a busy and interesting day for you only you must not try to overdo things. You will be able to put a wrong to rights. Avoid spending quite so much time watching television. Be sincere.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You should not expect others to agree with everything you say. Make sure you keep a promise and do not divulge something told to you in confidence. Do not turn your back on change. Be more optimistic.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You will tend to be rather too easily satisfied but you should not be too critical either. Keep your feet firmly on the ground and do not mistake dreams for reality. Make sure you do not exhaust yourself. Be objective.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You will tend to be rather too exuberant and ought to exercise a little more restraint. If you are invited do not be late but do not come too soon either. An old problem you have solved will re-emerge. Be helpful.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You should not lose yourself in gloomy and negative thoughts. The situation is not as complicated and serious as might seem at first sight. Your friends will stand by you. Be respectful.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Turkish inflation rate hits 86.4pc

ANKARA, Nov 4, (Reuters): Inflation in Turkey soared to an annual rate of 86.4 per cent in October, the highest since Prime Minister Turgut Ozal took office five years ago, the State Statistics Institute reported today.

The figure was announced ahead of crucial talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington next week at which official sources said Turkey would present a stability plan aimed at cutting the rate to below 30 per cent by 1992.

The institute said retail prices rose by 7.5 per cent in October, compared with 4.8 per cent in the previous month and in October, 1987. The annual inflation rate in September was 81.8 per cent.

Policy

The IMF has backed Turkish economic policy since 1980, but a Turkish official said it was now showing signs of greater sensitivity, especially over the government's failure to control the cost of living.

"If we are to reduce inflation by 1992, the government must introduce long-term policies for cutting the budget deficit," said one senior banker.

Officials have said the 1988 budget deficit may be 4,098 billion lira (\$2.4 billion), compared with a target of 2,200 billion lira (\$1.3 billion). The 1989 draft budget envisages a deficit of 4,480 billion lira (\$2.6 billion).

Change

The rising cost of living and a fall in the international value of the lira have caused widespread discontent over Ozal's free-wheeling economic policies, designed partly to enable Turkey to gain full membership of the European Economic Community.

Ozal was humiliated in a referendum in September when the electorate voted two to one against him. The poll, on a minor change to the constitution, became a tacit vote of confidence.

Kuwait Fund gives loan to Benin

KUWAIT, Nov 4, (OPECNA): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic and Social Development is to extend \$8.80 million to Benin to help finance the second phase of a village and pastoral water supply programme sponsored by the West African economic community.

In addition, a tripartite accord for project co-operation and co-ordination was signed by the Kuwait Fund and Benin together with the West African economic community.

The agreements were signed in Cotonou, Benin, yesterday by Badier Mishari Al Humaidi, director-general of the Kuwait Fund, Didier Dassi, Benin's Finance Minister, and Mamadou Haidara, secretary-general of the West African economic community.

Project

The aim of the project, which will cost a total of \$10.91 million, is to provide two million cu. metres of water annually for human and livestock consumption and environmental protection in the Borgou province of Benin.

It will include the construction of six small earth dams, 40 ponds, 50 production wells and around 60 counter wells.

Work on the scheme is due to start early next year and will be completed at the end of 1992.

The loan has been granted over 25 years, with a five-year grace period, bearing an interest rate of one per cent annually and a further 0.5 per cent to cover administrative charges.

Oil discovery

BAGHDAD, Nov 4, (OPECNA): Iraq has announced the discovery of a new "high-quality" oil deposit in the southern part of the country.

The announcement came in a statement by Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi on Wednesday.

The minister said the deposit in the northern Rumaila oilfield, northeast of Basra, lay at a depth of 4,700ft and had a very low sulphur content.

Experts were continuing to explore and assess hydrocarbon formations in different parts of the country, he added.

Plans have been drawn to drill deep wells in giant oilfields, test operations of the new oil deposit and continuing in order to study its geographical extent.

J. Chalabi said.

GCC businessmen to discuss reconstruction in Baghdad

US seeks to expand trade with Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 4, (Reuters): US officials and diplomats expressed satisfaction on Wednesday with the development of trade relations with Iraq, despite political disputes and concern over Baghdad's human rights record.

US Commerce Department official Melvin Sims said American and Iraqi negotiators had just concluded a successful pact on new credit guarantees for US agricultural exports to Iraq for the coming year.

Speaking at a news conference to mark US day at the Baghdad international trade fair, Sims described the agreement as "a dramatic growth" but did not give any figures.

He said the United States extended \$1.1 to 1.2 billion in credit guarantees for agricultural exports during the year ended September compared to only \$153 million in 1982.

Improvement

But Deputy Assistant Commerce Secretary Robert Pines cautioned: "Despite the great improvement in relations between our two countries, one cannot ignore the political differences that still linger."

Pines said US exports to Iraq had risen from \$427 million in 1985 to \$683 million in 1987 to about \$700 million in the first eight months of this year.

Iraqi exports to the United States so far this year were worth

\$977 million and the total might reach \$1.3 billion by the end of the year, about double last year's figure, he said. Oil made up more than 98 per cent of the exports.

Pines said the US private sector was seeking a greater share in Iraq's reconstruction programme after the eight-year war with Iran.

"Iraq is a major untapped market for the United States in the Near East. It has natural resources and educated population necessary to sustain economic development," he said.

Meanwhile, a group of Gulf Arab businessmen and contractors will fly to Baghdad on Saturday to discuss financing and participating in reconstruction

projects in Iraq after eight years of war.

The 220-man team, representing all six members of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), will demand equal opportunity with Iraqi firms, industry sources said.

Study

The GCC has supported Iraq during the war with Iran and the sources said the team will study Iraqi laws during the five-day visit and will also ask to be treated like national companies participating in reconstruction projects.

A ceasefire between Iran and Iraq went into effect on Aug 20 and both sides started complex peace talks five days later.

Though there has been no breakthrough in the negotiations the ceasefire has held.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain.

In another development Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi held talks here on Wednesday with Gerhard Tautenhahn, East German Minister of Construction for general machinery, agricultural machinery and vehicles, on expanding bilateral co-operation in the oil industry.

Tautenhahn and his accompanying delegation are attending the trade fair which opened on Tuesday.

Another crash unlikely at this time, says Wendy Gramm

US markets stronger than in Oct '87

WASHINGTON, Nov 4, (Reuters): US financial markets are stronger today than they were a year ago and could better handle a large selloff of stocks, the chief US futures regulator said yesterday.

"I think that the markets today are stronger and better able to deal with large volumes than in the past," Wendy Gramm, the chairman of the commodity futures trading commission, said in an interview with Reuters and the television agency Visnews.

She said another crash like that of October 1987 was unlikely at this time. "Prices are at a level where I think people don't think stocks are overvalued," she said.

Even if there were a push to sell stocks, she said, the markets would be able to handle the pressures better.

Prices

"I think that if participants in the market were to decide at some point in time that the market is overvalued and decided to sell, you could have again a reduction in prices."

(However, we wouldn't face the same problems that we did last October," she said, citing the steps the New York Stock Exchange has taken to increase its trade-processing capacity.

Appointed CFTC chairman earlier this year, Gramm said she was confident her agency would be able to fend off congressional challenges next year to its jurisdiction over stock index futures.

Some on Wall Street blamed stock index futures, which are

bets on the future value of baskets of stocks, for exacerbating the plunge in stock prices in October 1987.

After the crash the Securities and Exchange Commission said it should take over regulation of stock index futures, a position strongly opposed by the futures industry which fears the SEC would tie its hands with new regulations.

Traditional

Gramm also said electronic futures trading will eventually be a reality and can coexist with traditional "pit" trading.

"When I look down the road, what I see is a lot of trading with computers," she said. All US futures trading today is done in open "pits" where traders shout offers to buy or sell.

Gramm said George Bush would be better for US financial markets than Michael Dukakis. She said the vice-president would not impose heavy regulatory burdens of financial markets if he were elected president.

The Democratic presidential nominee, however, might hurt securities markets by imposing a tax on transactions and damage futures markets by shifting federal regulatory responsibilities, she said.

Record

"The vice-president has a very long record of experience in regulatory issues and in the financial market area, and he understands that if you impose regulations whose costs exceed the benefits, that that will be bad for markets," Gramm said.

"It will just impose costs, it may well send markets overseas, it will stifle innovation," she said.

Gramm said that, judging from proposals by some of Dukakis's economic advisers, "I would have some concerns that if he became president there might be an overly regulatory

approach."

Asked what specifically in Dukakis's plans she opposed, she said regulatory restructuring and taxes on securities transactions.

Gramm, a Republican, is the wife of Republican Senator Phil Gramm of Texas.

High tourism receipts help offset Tunisian trade deficit

TUNIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): Tunisia's income from tourism doubled to 800 million dinars (\$890 million) in the first nine months of 1988, helping to offset a trade deficit widened by high food imports and low oil prices, a minister said.

Industry and Trade Minister Moncef Belaid, in an interview published today, said the trade deficit in the first nine months was 826 million dinars (920 million), against 543 million dinars (\$600 million) in the same period of 1987.

Relations

This was not disturbing, however, as imports had risen partly to supply the tourism industry and to feed the Libyan market, both of which brought in foreign exchange, he told the government newspaper La Presse.

Libyans have been pouring across the border since the two countries resumed diplomatic relations last December, both as tourists and to buy goods not

available in Libya.

Belaid gave no figures but officials say they expect three million tourists in 1988, compared with 1.875 million in 1987. The figures for Libyans will jump from 3,000 last year to about one million in 1988, they say.

"The trade figures are really not bad. They are not outstanding either because we expected to achieve a better rate of coverage. The figures would have been better if the harvest had been as good as those of 1987," the minister added.

Iran blames big powers for weak oil market

NICOSIA, Nov 4, (Reuters): Iranian President Ali Khamenei blamed the superpowers today for instability on the world oil markets, Tehran Radio reported.

"The current condition of the oil market is not normal," the radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted him as telling Omani Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari in Tehran.

"It is because of machinations and plots by world arrogance (the superpowers) that the oil market has become so critical and unstable," he added.

Khamenei said that some members of OPEC had "undermined its solidarity with a view to the interests of world arrogance and prevented true co-ordination and harmony among members."

Prices

Tehran has in the past criticised Iraq and Gulf Arab states for depressing prices by pumping too much oil.

Oil is now selling at about \$7 a barrel below the \$18 target price set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

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Japan wants Iraq to settle its debts before taking new work

BAGHDAD, Nov 4, (Reuters): Japan wants Iraq to settle its debts and achieve a lasting peace with Iran before Japanese firms take on new projects, Ambassador Taizo Nakamura said yesterday.

"The success of peace talks and continuation of peace and the settlement of Iraqi debts to Japan are two steps to be achieved before Japanese firms undertake new projects in Iraq," he told a news conference marking Japanese day at the Baghdad international trade fair. Nakamura declined to say how much Iraq owed Japan but said talks were continuing. Japanese exports to Iraq in the first half of this year dropped by 22 per cent to \$168 million compared with the same period in 1987, the executive director of the Foreign Trade Commission, Shinsaka Sogo, said. He said Iraqi exports to Japan, mainly oil, reached \$561 million in the first half of this year, an increase of 144 per cent over the same period in 1987. Commission official Masahiro Suzuki said several public and private-sector delegations were expected in Iraq from April next year to study further rescheduling of deferred payments and explore new projects. Nakamura said continued peace and the success of talks now under way in Geneva were "vital factors in drawing up the aspects of future co-operation between Japan and Iraq."

Oman confident Iran will be positive on oil stability plan

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, Nov 4, (Reuters): Oman said it was confident Iran would respond favourably to its efforts to persuade oil producers to stabilise the market. "I am confident that officials in Iran will react positively concerning Oman's efforts," Youssef Bin Alawi, Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Al Yom newspaper in remarks published today. He was commenting on a visit to Tehran by Oman's Oil Minister, Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari, to discuss a production proposal by the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC). Shanfari flew in Tehran last Monday to discuss a proposal to set the production of all 13 OPEC members at 17.429 million barrels per day (BPD), giving Iraq and Iran equal quotas. The GCC—OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates and non-OPEC Bahrain and Oman—made the proposal after a meeting in Riyadh in October. Twelve OPEC members produced about 21.7 million BPD in October while their quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is 15.06 million BPD. Iraq, the 13 OPEC member, refuses to join quota accords unless it is given an output level equal to Iran's 2.369 million BPD. At present Iraq pumps 2.7 million BPD.

Call for Arab economic integration

MANAMA, Nov 4, (OPECNA): The Bahraini Minister of Development and Industry Yusuf Ahmed Al Shirawi has said Arab economic integration can only be achieved through the full mobilisation of Arab resources and potential. Addressing the ninth session of the Ministerial Council of the Organisation for Arab Industrial Development which opened here on Wednesday, the minister welcomed the resolution adopted by the Arab League's Social and Economic Council on the merger of specialised Arab organisations into one body. Earlier, the ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa stressed the need for establishing a solid industrial base in the Arab world.

Invitation to bid China National Technical Import and Export Corporation

Bid No: CNTICKT-8814001

In accordance with the loan agreement concluded between the People's Republic of China and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for the construction of Jinzhou Harbour, the China National Technical Import and Export Corporation (hereinafter referred to as CNTIC) is authorised to purchase equipment and materials etc. (Details are as per attached list) for the above mentioned project by way of international competitive bid. The payment for all purchases shall be made under the loan.

We hereby invite experienced, well reputed manufacturers and/or trading companies to participate in the bid.

Manufacturers and/or trading companies in foreign countries interested in the project are kindly requested to buy qualification and bidding documents between 9:00 to 11:00 am on working days from Nov. 9, 1988 from Negotiation Building, Xijiao, Er-Li Gou, Beijing, China; from the fourth business division of first head division of CNTIC.

Address: Er-Li Gou, Xijiao, Beijing, China.
Telex: 22244 CNTIC CN
Telephone: 8317733 ext. 1470/1471/1472

List of equipment and material

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| Package 3 | Fighting pump house and water treatment plant etc. |
| Package 4 | Oil loading arm terminal |
| Package 5 | Steel pipes |
| Package 6 | Timber |
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| Group 1 | Shortwave coast station |
| Group 1 | VHF coast radio station |
| Group 3 | Stored programme controlled exchange |
| Group 4 | Microwave system |
| Package 8 | Boat |



N. N. JHA (centre), the Indian ambassador in Kuwait, shown at the opening ceremony of the auto spare parts division of Al Jazira Co., in Shuwalkh on Wednesday evening. Abdul Mohsen Al Ashfour and Jasbir Singh Chadha, managing partners of the company, are also pictured along with other guests. The managing partners organised a tea party at the premises on the occasion. (Photo by Mohammed Bedaq)

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19/1	US AIR CP	36/0	36/0
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9/4	VARCO INTL	2/6	2/6

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October. The stock market followed bond prices down, brokers said, paying little heed to an initial rise in the dollar, which recently has been weak.

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UK stocks above lows

Dollar jumps on US jobs data

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): The dollar jumped more than one penny and half a yen to the day's highs today immediately after news of an improvement in US employment figures during October.

Just prior to release of the job statistics in Washington, the dollar had been languishing near the day's lows on currency markets which have been jittery in the run-up to next Tuesday's US presidential election.

The dollar touched 1.7910 West German marks and 124.90 Japanese yen compared with lows of 1.7762 and 124.25.

London dealers said the statistics, the last major economic report before election night, indicated stronger-than-expected US economic growth during the month.

Growth
The jobless rate was 5.3 per cent in October and non-farm jobs grew by 323,000 compared with 5.4 per cent and 255,000 in September.

Dealers said currency markets would probably now settle down to await the outcome of the US election.

"We all know what we are really looking at and it's not the

employment numbers," said Tony Jefford, a dealer at First Chicago in London prior to the release of Friday's numbers.

The dollar has been supported throughout the week by persistent purchases of the US currency by the central banks of Japan and the United States.

It gained some support today in early trading after Japanese Vice-Finance Minister Akira Nishigaki said major nations were ready to co-ordinate currency intervention.

Good
"I don't see it much higher than current levels of 1.7870/80 marks. The figures are quite good but the 1.7900 level (posted just after the employment release) was too high," said Rolf Fritzsche, assistant chief dealer at Berliner Bank in Berlin.

Gold was hardly changed from its opening levels. It was being quoted at just over \$420 an ounce in London at 1415 GMT, just above its morning fix of \$419.50. This was down \$15 from two-month highs touched yesterday.

Jitters ahead of next Tuesday's US poll and concern for the health of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, plus a speculative rally in

platinum, were factors that revived the gold market earlier this week after two flat months. Platinum had gained on speculation of short supplies.

Emperor Hirohito's illness buoyed gold because Japan might issue a commemorative gold coin if he dies.

Hong Kong shares ended barely changed. Sydney's Australian All-Ordinaries index ended down 2.7 at 1,569.1 points. The gold sector was disappointed that the rally in bullion prices seemed to have peaked.

A decline in West German unemployment helped Frankfurt stocks to a firmer close ahead of the US statistics. French shares also firmed.

In London shares steadied above the day's lows in late trading, reflecting Wall Street's performance after news of a larger than forecast rise in October non-farm payrolls.

At 1608 GMT the FTSE index was 4.9 points down at 1,832.9, having touched a low for the day of 1,829.2.

Trading centred on stocks linked to the activity of Bond Corp, principally the company's sale of its 14.9 per cent Standard Chartered stake at 475p per share.

Dealers said the market reflects expectations of a Republican victory in next week's US presidential election but the dollar's vulnerability to losses provides a bearish tone.

One dealer said "there's concern about the dollar's likely weakness after the US elections, even assuming George Bush wins. The political pressure to maintain US interest rates at current levels will have been removed, so the dollar will be facing an important test on Wednesday."

Dealers said speculation on whether Bond Corp will increase its 20 per cent stake in Lonrho and possibly launch a bid for the company increased after news of the sale of Bond's 14.9 per cent stake in Standard Chartered, raising around £150 million.

Lonrho was 16p higher at 411, maintaining its early strength on a turnover of 14.9 million shares.

Bid
Dealers said a bid for Lonrho by Bond would be difficult given the strength of chairman Roland "Tiny" Rowland's personal stake and those of loyal shareholders, thought to total 35 per cent of the company's equity.

The Standard Chartered stake sale followed news yesterday of Bond's realisation of its M G Holding, which dealers said would have raised around £34 million.

Recent speculation also held that Bond may be interested in making a bid for hotel and drinks group Allied-Lyons, in which it has an 11 per cent stake, and may use its Lonrho holding to force the company's hand in a combined assault on Allied.

Unchanged

Allied-Lyons was unchanged at 467 after an earlier 4p rise.

Maxwell Communication was 11p higher at 206 on a turnover of 10.2 million shares after announcing it planned to sell its British commercial printing businesses and was considering the disposal of its British newspaper printing business, European printing plants and a property portfolio.

Maxwell said the management interests has shown strong interest in submitting a buyout offer. Maxwell yesterday won its \$90.25 per share bid for US publisher Macmillan after rival Kohlberg Kravis Roberts withdrew its \$90.05 per share offer for the company.



A Tokyo money broker ponders while grasping telephones as the dollar fluctuated narrowly yesterday ahead of the release of US employment data. The dollar ended little changed against New York's Thursday's close but easier against the opening in Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Crystall gets a commercial registration certificate

GIC plays a major role

GULF Investment Corporation declared that one of its major joint venture projects, the National Titanium Dioxide Company Ltd. (Crystall) has been granted a commercial registration certificate by the Ministry of Commerce in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Gulf Investment Corporation has played a major role in the creation of (Crystall), taken 24 per cent of equity, and also undertaken an advisory assignment to raise US \$40 million (about SR 150 million) of commercial loans for this project.

In addition, to the SR120 million paid-in capital Crystall project obtained a SR342 million loan approved by Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) which represents 50 per cent of

the estimated project total investment.

The principle partners in the project in addition to GIC are: the USA Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and the Saudi's Shalco for Trading and Contracting with 25 per cent each, and National Industrialisation Company of Saudi Arabia with 24 per cent stake.

Crystall project located at Yanbu Industrial City in Saudi Arabia's west coast expected to produce 45,000 tonnes of titanium dioxide a year.

Titanium dioxide is primarily used as a pigment in paints, plastics, textiles, chemicals and other materials. This white pigment increases the capacity and colour tone of the products in which it is utilised.

Crystall plant production is expected to make a major contribution toward satisfying the needs of Gulf market, and different markets in the world.

Crystall plant located at the centre of the fastest growing market in the world is designed and based on the most recent technology using Kerr-McGee's chloride process.

Titanium dioxide is in very tight supply worldwide, basically, due to environmental restriction and difficulties faced by plants using the old sulfur technology.

GIC participation in Crystall emerged from its conviction of the important role that the corporation is established to achieve and promote the industrialisation of the GCC region.

Failure by OPEC to reach pact could lead to instability

Subroto sees oil price collapse without Iraq's help

OSLO, Nov 4, (Reuters): OPEC secretary-general Subroto said yesterday that world oil prices would collapse if Iraq was not brought back into the group's output quota system at a full ministerial meeting set for Vienna later this month.

Subroto, a former Indonesian oil minister, also told a news conference during a visit to Oslo that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would make firm proposals on co-operation with non-OPEC oil producers if the Vienna talks, due to start on Nov 21, were successful.

Prices
"If Iraq ... does not sign an agreement including all 13 (OPEC) members, then there will be no agreement," he said. "Everyone will be in their own way and prices will collapse."

He declined to forecast how

low prices might go.

Subroto said the major problem facing OPEC was Iraq's persistent refusal to accept a quota less than that of erstwhile Gulf war foe Iran.

Iraq, the group's second biggest producer, is consequently pumping around 2.7 million barrels per day, according to the latest Reuters oil industry survey.

Oil analysts say this output level has contributed to weak prices, which are currently around \$5 to six below OPEC's target of \$18 a barrel. Some other OPEC members have also been producing above their quotas.

The International Energy Agency in Paris issued figures yesterday that showed non-

Communist world oil supply at its highest in more than five years — up at 52.3 million barrels daily in October from 51.5 million in September.

Its monthly oil markets survey said Middle East Gulf states accounted for the largest share of the increase.

Attempts

Subroto said co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC producers, like Norway, was important and that attempts to co-operate on agreed curbs on output were not over.

He gave no further details but said he had asked Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oeien for continued support for OPEC in the form of production curbs.

Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, has threatened to drop

its monthly oil production survey said Middle East Gulf states accounted for the largest share of the increase.

"I hope there is a good chance that we will be able to continue ... but I have basically stuck to my previous position," Oeien told reporters. "We will wait and see."

Subroto said that, even with an agreement in Vienna, it could take time for OPEC to achieve its target price of \$18 a barrel.

He said efforts were being made to bridge the gap between Iran and Iraq but could give no details.

Subroto has just been to Libya and will visit Nigeria, Gabon and Angola before the Vienna meeting.

1989, especially when OPEC will be trying very hard to restrain production," he said.

Norway expects production capacity to increase to 1.5 million barrels daily when its new Oseberg field comes on stream. It now pumps around 1.1 million.

Oeien said the talks with Subroto had made him "slightly more optimistic" about prospects for the Vienna meeting.

Meanwhile, in Jakarta, Indonesian energy minister said today, OPEC's failure to stop producing too much oil might lead to global instability but a solution could not be expected from a meeting of the organisation's heads of state.

"Some countries will suffer such severe economic problems that they may be destabilised and hence affect regional and even international stability," Ginjar Kartasmita said in a speech.

Investcorp to conduct seminar on real estate investments

INVESTCORP, the Bahrain-based international investment bank, will be conducting a closed one-day seminar on Tuesday at the SAS Hotel, Kuwait, to which shareholders, investors and prominent members of the Kuwaiti business community have been invited.

The seminar is organised to provide participants with an overview and behind-the-scenes look into Investcorp's activities with special emphasis on corporate acquisitions and real estate investments.

Professor G. Maynard, Investcorp's economic consultant and former adviser to the Bank of England will also address the current economic climate in the industrial world.

The Investcorp team will include several members of the management committee from New York, London and Bahrain as well as few Investcorp senior directors.

Yusef Abu Khadra, member of Investcorp management committee, acting as co-ordinator for the team, commented, "Over the last six years Investcorp has provided Gulf investors with virtually unique access to prime and highly rewarding investment opportunities in the industrial world."

"It was felt that it is time to share our investment philosophy and expectations with our investors, and to introduce some of our partners and directors who are involved in arranging these transactions and to give our investors an in-depth analysis of how these transactions are arranged."

"Arranging corporate and real estate transactions is a very time-consuming and complicated activity, and we wanted our shareholders and investors to get a firsthand feel for this," said Marwan Hayek, member of the Investcorp Marketing and Regional Investment Banking Team.

Investcorp is an international investment bank which locates, structures, underwrites and places international investment opportunities. Its primary objectives are to provide high-quality investment, financial intermediation and advisory services in international corporate investment, real estate investment and portfolio management and trading for investors worldwide.

Economy to get a boost

Iran to expand its seaborne trade

DUBAI, Nov 4, (Reuters): Iran, battling to get its postwar economy moving, is planning a big expansion in its seaborne trade and is opening new Caspian Sea routes to the Soviet Union to switch away from the Gulf, Iranian officials say.

"We have so many projects under serious study to make a very big expansion, and we are still thinking of more," said Hossein Gulpavar, commercial director of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Line (IRISL).

During its eight-year war with Iraq, Iran's main objective was to ship out as much oil as possible to help pay war bills.

The chairman of the National Iranian Tanker Company, Mohammad Soufi, said this week he also planned more expansion, probably next year.

Reconstruction

But faced with a programme of economic reconstruction, which Iranian officials estimate at anything up to \$400 billion, a new priority is bulk imports of construction materials and basic foodstuffs, Gulf shipping agents said.

In the Gulf, much depends on the outcome of peace talks between Iran and Iraq following their Aug 20 ceasefire.

But Iranian officials said the full effects on trade of any settlement could take up to a year to appear.

IRISL has signed with the Soviet shipping company Gospar to increase two-way trade and establish routes from Europe, Gulpavar said in a telephone interview from Tehran.

Move

Gulf-based economists said the move could make a significant difference to Iran's trade and strategic position.

Iran's main ports have traditionally faced onto the Gulf's northern reaches.

The strategic consequences of this for Iran's economy became apparent during the war when its Kharg Island oil terminal and the

ports of Bandar Khomeini, Bushehr, and Khorramshahr all came within range of Iraqi aircraft.

Iranian trade officials are already trying to attract international shippers back to the surviving terminals at these ports, the Gulf shipping agents said.

They have had limited success due to a continued threat of mines to shipping and lack of any firm peace settlement.

But the north of the country, which includes the capital Tehran and which is divided from the south by high mountain chains, could be better and more cheaply supplied through the Caspian ports of Anzali and Nowshahr.

Forecast

Gulpavar said IRISL had ordered two ships from Bulgaria at a cost of \$11 million and forecast annual trade with the Soviet Union would double to one million tonnes in a few years.

Previously, Soviet ships had a

monopoly on the route.

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Free trade issue could thwart victory for Mulroney

OTTAWA, Nov 4, (Reuters): The Canadian and US elections take place less than two weeks apart of each other, but initial forecasts of a parallel victory for ideological cousins George Bush and Brian Mulroney could well be thwarted.

In Canada, the main campaign issue — a free trade agreement with the United States, which forced Prime Minister Mulroney to call the election — has once again raised the question of what sort of relationship Canadians want with their giant neighbour.

While Republican Bush still looks likely to be elected president next Tuesday, Progressive Conservative Mulroney's campaign has been severely shaken by the free trade issue.

Agreement

Opposition Liberal leader John Turner has argued that the agreement would turn Canada into little more than a 51st US state, striking a chord with Canadians already concerned about the influence America wields over it.

As a result, the Liberals have leapfrogged over the Conservatives in opinion polls and now look to have enough support to form at least a minority

government after the election on Nov 21.

The free trade agreement, signed by President Reagan and Mulroney last January after 18 months of talks, was ratified by the US Congress. But Turner's Liberals blocked its adoption in the Canadian Senate, forcing Mulroney to call the election.

Pact
The pact, the centrepiece of Mulroney's government, would lower all barriers to trade between the two countries, already the world's biggest trading partners with cross-border shipments of about \$150 billion a year.

Both Bush and Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis support the agreement.

"The Canadian election is more divorced from the American scene than it has been in the past," said Conrad Winn, a political science professor at Ottawa's Carleton University.

"The big issue in the Canadian election is whether we are going to be swallowed up by the US."

Mulroney argues that free trade with the United States would guarantee Canada's economic future by securing access to the world's richest single market.

But Turner told him during a debate: "I happen to believe you've sold us out."

Political commentators say Mulroney is experiencing the same problems as Dukakis in winning public support. Both men have been criticised for their lack of emotion, while Turner and Bush have conducted a more passionate, partisan campaign.

While Mulroney is beginning to step up criticism of the opposition, commentators doubt the campaign will ever become as brutal as in the United States, where Bush has made vehement personal attacks on Dukakis.

Mulroney's first term was marked by an improvement in relations with the United States which would probably continue if he was re-elected.

Mulroney, who had promised to end the animosity that often characterised relations between former Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and several US administrations, held a summit with Reagan in Quebec City in 1985.

One senior source in the External Affairs Department said that while Bush was not well known in Canada, the government believed it would have little dif-

ficulty working with him.

The Reagan administration and US business both strongly back Mulroney and would welcome re-election of his Conservative government as a vindication of the trade agreement.

Reagan and Mulroney, both of Irish origin, are close politically and personally, but in accordance with diplomatic tradition the US administration has made no public comment on the Canadian election.

Endorsement

American businessmen have also avoided public comment, fearing an endorsement of Mulroney would play into the hands of Canadians opposed to the trade agreement.

Apart from free trade, the other major issue affecting bilateral relations is conservation.

Canadians have complained that Reagan has done little to end emissions from US factories that fall as acid rain over eastern Canada, killing forests and polluting rivers.

US conservationists consider Dukakis far more committed than Bush to ending acid rain and cleaning up the environment generally.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

FRANKFURT: Shares closed slightly higher in moderate trading. But they finished off the day's highs following profit-taking and position-squaring before the weekend and the US election.

The Dax index rose 4.44 to 1,285.02.

BOMBAY: Prices rose sharply on the last trading day of the exchange's accounting year on speculative and investor demand. Trading resumes next Wednesday.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed mixed after selective buying and bargain-hunting alternated with light profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 1.69 to 1,028.48.

ZURICH: Shares closed steady on light volume, with most investors sidelined before the US election. The Swiss index rose 0.2 to 939.6.

NEW YORK: After news of the jobs surge blue chips by mid-morning had regained much of their initial losses. The Dow was down six at 2,164.

PARIS: Prices were quietly firm at mid-session, with steady buying of blue chips reflecting investor confidence following a higher growth forecast for the economy.

LONDON: Shares steadied above the day's lows in late trading, reflecting Wall Street's performance after news of a larger than forecast rise in October non-farm payrolls. At 1608 GMT the FTSE index was down 4.9 at 1,832.9.

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By Richard Rayner

JOSEPH HELLER was a late starter. He did not publish until he was 38 years old, but when he did it was an instant classic which donated a phrase to common usage.

The book's title *Catch-22*, was also the phrase in question and it pointed to an absurdity central to the proper operation of bureaucracies. If you win then you lose, says *Catch-22*, but if you lose then you don't win. "They say *Catch-22* even in the Kremlin," says Heller. "Both in English and Russian, it touched a nerve."

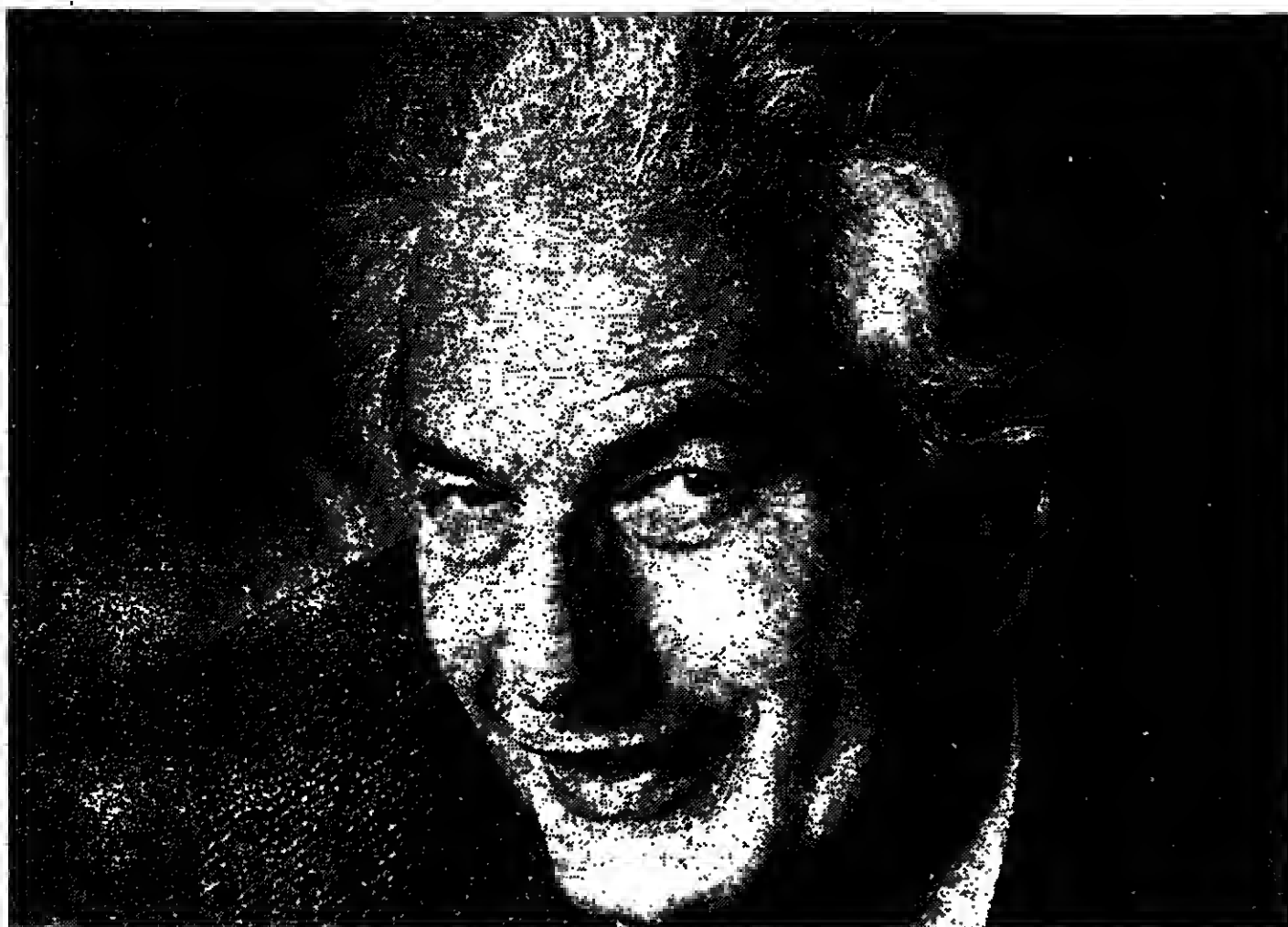
Heller is 65 now. He is white-haired and still somewhat frail as the result of a calamitous nervous disease — Guillain-Barre syndrome — which all but killed him in 1982. When ejected into laughter (it isn't difficult), he bears a resemblance (God help him) to Derek Jameson. He has written four novels since *Catch-22* and at least one, *Something Happened* — a devastating story of unlocated fear — which beats it hands down for style and emotional punch.

But he will always be tagged as the man who wrote that book, his critical reputation stalled back in the 1960s. The same has happened to Philip Roth. Like Heller's, his new novels tend to be greeted as new cars rolling off a production line. They're all very well, it is said, but they lack somehow the zip and zing of that great early model, the *Portnoy*. It's more than a little unfair.

Amazed Heller says: "I re-read *Catch-22* a few months ago. I was amazed by its energy and imagination. I worked hard on that book. Of course, I'm prey to the usual vanities. With each book I want both to outstay Judith Krantz on the best-seller lists and gain such acclaim that the Nobel committee has simply no option. And with each book I do try to do something very different."

Picture This is certainly different. Heller, who is always careful with his opening, begins this one at the leisurely pace of a history lesson: Aristotle, contemplating the lust of Homer, thought often of Socrates; while Rembrandt dressed him with paint in a white Renaissance surplice and medieval black robe and encased him in shadows.

The author of *Catch-22* talks about his latest novel Joseph Heller: flying high again



Joseph Heller: wants to outstay Judith Krantz on the best-seller lists

It begins like a history lesson for the reason that it is a history lesson. Written from the contemporary standpoint, but swinging to and fro in time between 17th-century Holland and Athens in the 5th century BC, *Picture This* uses the device of bringing Aristotle to life while Rembrandt paints his picture, to retell the life stories of Socrates, Plato, Pericles and Alcibiades, as well as those of Aristotle and Rembrandt themselves.

Heller says: "I wanted to write a novel with no conflict, no romance, no adventure, no storyline at all in the conventional sense. Critics have been saying, therefore, that it isn't a novel. They often say that

about my novels. It's because they have fixed rules about what a novel should and shouldn't be. I don't go along with that."

If *Picture This* is a novel, then it is a novel whose main theme is history and whose main characters are didactic points. Namely, that power and intellect are incompatible, that politicians wage disastrous wars for no good reason, that genius tends to be given a hard time, and that humanity learns nothing from its mistakes.

Notes

Heller does a lot in this book. He notes that at the time when Athens was requesting democracy, the classical drama

and the roots of philosophy to the West, its own politics were quite spectacularly whimsical, venal and vicious. He equates Athenian powerbroking with that of contemporary America. "That democracy should wish to deny others the natural rights claimed for itself is not unusual," he says.

He works in large sections of Thucydides, Aristotle and Plato, and, on occasions, another sort of philosophy, the downhome variety preferred by kaftan-wearers and Kurt Vonnegut: "To know you do not know is to know a great deal. Wisdom consists in knowing there is no such thing."

Ouch. Heller does all this in *Picture*

This and gets away with it most of the time, for the simple reason that he is funny. His most endearing quality as a writer is that he refuses to take institutions seriously; or rather, that he takes them so seriously they become hilarious. He is relentlessly sardonic at the expense of those in power.

He says: "You think that's not justified? You think anything ever changes? Look at Bush and Dukakis. It really won't make much difference which one is elected. America is ruled, by business and its policies are controlled by image-makers and no one bothers to hide it."

Picture This is published by Macmillan at \$12.95.

Warrior queens in history

By Bel Mooney

THE nervous misogyny running through history all but drowns the faint but purposeful clatter of Boadicea's chariot.

John Knox's abuse is not untypical: "To promote a woman to bear rule, superiority, dominion or empire above any realm, nation or city, is repugnant to nature, continuously to God, a thing most contrarious to His revealed will and approved ordinance, and finally it is the subversion of good order, of all equity and justice."

Antonia Fraser's voice is all the more authoritative for being softer than Knox's. In the cause of justice, as well as scholarship, she summons up a pantheon of warrior queens, many of whom ruled wisely, and all of whom prove that neither valour, nor patriotism, nor cruelty is the prerogative of the male.

The "chariot" of the title is a multi-layered symbol. First, of course, it is the vehicle we associate with the British warrior queen, not actually equipped with knives as in popular mythology, but a light case contraption that carried her into one of the most serious revolts the Romans suffered, the sack of Camolodunum (Colchester).

The Romans were shamed that "all this ruin was brought upon them by a woman", but, ill-treated by them, Boadicea did not hesitate to act harshly in return. It is one of the many merits of Fraser's book that she does not seek to exonerate, merely to explain.

Second, the chariot is a legacy, rolling through history and carrying other women from diverse cultures who took up arms to defend their nations, or (less attractively perhaps, yet more interestingly) to satisfy ambition or greed. We meet (among others) Cleopatra, Zenobia of Palmyra, Matilda of Tuscany, Tamara, Isabella of Spain, Elizabeth I, Jings of Angola, Maria Theresa, and the Rani of Jhansi who was killed in the unsuccessful battle to defend Gwalior against the British in 1858.



Different though her subjects might be, Antonia Fraser nevertheless identifies common themes — the tomboy syndrome, for example, which has the youthful warrior queen abandoning dolls for soldiers and hunting, and the appendage syndrome, which allows her power as a substitute for father, husband or son.

The voracity syndrome portrays the powerful queen as sexually licentious, Catherine the Great for instance. All this is lively, convincing and original. Fraser leaves scholarship with wit and casts new light on themes one might (given the proliferation of feminist history) have thought familiar. It is a considerable achievement.

Significance

The third significance of the chariot is perhaps the most interesting of all, and it is the only point at which the author sells us somewhat short.

Since more than one cartoon representation of Margaret Thatcher has her in breast-plates, driving a chariot, it is relevant to ask why the myth of Boadicea should be thus perpetuated. Why does the glory of the Queen of the Iceni still endure? Why do men still fear,

yet admire, powerful women? There are some answers to those questions here. In the two last chapters Fraser considers modern leaders like Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir and Mrs Thatcher, and her analysis is so acute that I wanted more.

She addresses herself to the apparent contradiction between Mrs Gandhi's toughness and her ready acceptance of the title of "The Mother", associated in Hindu consciousness with goddesses both of fertility and of destruction. Similarly, Mrs Thatcher will accept the title Iron Lady, yet insist on displaying her femininity. Men may identify this as the having-your-cake-and-eating-it syndrome, yet this is as simplistic as the radical feminist argument which says that when Thatcher is tough she is behaving like a man.

Why does the warrior queen (Boadicea as symbol, not historical figure) exercise such fascination? Fraser hazards an explanation that is no less convincing for being simple: "Women need heroines even more than men need heroes because their expectations of independence, fortitude and valour have generally speaking been much lower."

Story of shame and affliction

By Maureen Owen

ONCE, when you talked about love-hungry Irish girls, you knew you were in Edna O'Brien country — which this novel certainly is not.

To start with, we are in a Spanish holiday village where an assortment of women, no longer young, have seen endless pairs of men's slippers beneath their beds. And they are not so much love-hungry as love-sick. Sick in the sense of bitter disillusionment. With good reason, it turns out.

There's Anna, the narrator. Odd details of a recent and betrayed love filter through her story. There's Wanda, whose husband went off with a Spanish dancer.

Then there's Iris. Predatory, pathetic Iris. She rents a grand villa for her lover. What happens? He goes missing — chasing 18-year-olds.

Iris gets final comeuppance by resorting to the local drunk who, failing to perform in bed, later describes the episode to all and sundry. Oh yes, this novel is quite explicit. What else do we expect from Edna O'Brien? Well not exactly what follows to be entirely honest.



Edna O'Brien: intense

Not for Anna to defy the ravages of experience in the arms of local Spanish girl. A desire, a mad escapade, which sets the villages daubing the word "Lesbos" on the doomed girl's house. Amid death and hysterical violence, Anna is huddled from the scene.

Wounded

Coming from the pen of Edna O'Brien, Druidess of the hot, harsh pastures of heterosexual love, shock is the rightful description of this theme.

This is Edna O'Brien's first novel for 11 years and there is a wounded quality to this story of shame and affliction. But it is her great ability for leaping barriers which gives her work its peculiar intensity. Man, woman or child, her characters grow before your eyes.

The High Road by Edna O'Brien.

Memoirs from a bygone era

By David Pryce-Jones

VERY few Arabs, Turks, or Persians write memoirs, and therefore little is known in the West about private life among Muslims.

Those who do write about themselves as a rule suffer from a heavy and misplaced sense of grievance either about their societies or about the West, about anything and everything. Shusha Guppy is a happy exception. Evoking a past which was enjoyable in itself, her book also vividly depicts what until lately was the Persian way of life.

Guppy grew up in Tehran. Her father had educated himself in Paris while remaining a pious Shia Muslim. A teacher at Tehran university, he was apparently considered "Persia's last great traditional philosopher", while also being instrumental in introducing Western ideas and legal codes.

With an array of the aunts and uncles and cousins of an extended family, complete with devoted servants, in numbers generating a sense of security,

Guppy is among the last to have known a Persian household of that style, with its gardens and ornamental water, its foods and ceremonies. She writes of such things as the unique blue of Persian ceramics, of dreams as prophetic revelation, of folk-medicine and attendance at the public bath-house.

Heritage

Under the rule of the Pahlavi Shahs, this heritage was being broken in favour of quite other values, supposedly Western and "modern". Unavoidably the young Shusha received the new type of education, learning the tango and the waltz and how to appreciate classical Western music, how to swoon for Hollywood stars, never imagining wearing the veil that turns Persian women into what she called "malignant crows".

Perhaps it was Ayatollah Khomeini's intention to restore what the previous Shahs had reformed out of all recognition. In the event, he did nothing of the kind, but in the name of Shia Islam has created his own variety of ruin and tyranny.

Dispossessed and persecuted, Guppy and her relations and friends are now in exile, obliged to make what they can of the West. Wonderfully free from hitherness, Guppy is grateful for what she remembers, as well as for what she has since learnt.

The Blindfold Horse by Shusha Guppy (Heinemann, £16.95)

Same sad story of Vivien Leigh

By Moira Shearer

THE life of the first Lady Olivier has now assumed the morbid fascination of a road accident. Biographers trip over each other to gawp and record and this large book by Hugo Vickers is the third life in recent years.

A foreword gives his reasons for joining the relay race: that no "filmography" can do justice to Vivien Leigh and that she must have been an infinitely more interesting woman than hitherto presented. This is certainly true and it would be a pleasure to review the complete success of a fresh approach.

Mr Vickers' writing is measured and reasonable and his homework has been diligent. The volume of quotes from family and friends is massive and he has unearthed one piece of new evidence which is moderately revealing.

Apart from this, it is the same sad tale all over again with the decline into manic depression and manic behaviour as a focal point. It makes gloomy reading and all we need now is a final biography by a psychiatric doctor.

Vivian (as she was christened) Mary Hartley was born in Darjeeling in 1913 to Ernest, a handsome Yorkshireman who philandered somewhat and was good at amateur dramatics, and Gertrude (nee Yackjee), who had Armenian or half-caste Parsi Indian blood.

Gertrude was beautiful, so was her daughter, and there was money and comfort to give the little girl a happy and fortunate start in life.

In 1920 she was brought to England but, earlier, she had already noticed another member of her "family" — this is Mr Vickers' coup — Jack Thomson, a partner in Ernest's Calcutta firm.

He was in love with Gertrude, tolerated by the free and easy Ernest, and they formed a ménage à trois which lasted until Jack's death in 1938. Little Vivian thought this a perfectly natural, normal arrangement which may partially explain her own cavalier attitude towards marriages and husbands.

Dreadful

Her school year passed at the truly dreadful Roman Catholic Convent of the Sacred Heart in Southampton, immortalised by Antonia White in *Frost in May*. Vivian weathered it, throwing religion out of the window with the growing realisation that her great beauty would always get her what she wanted. And she wanted a great deal.

She was "finished" in Europe, where her gift for languages flowered. But her predominant ambition now took over — she would be a great actress. Not just an actress but a great one.

Surely, is her tragedy. She spent her life striving to achieve something beyond her physical and intuitive capability. No amount of hard work and ruthless self-promotion can take the place of that spark of interpretive genius which heralds a great actor and, as this was borne in on her, she was unable to maintain her equilibrium.

Alexander Walker has described Vivien Leigh as "a star in



Vivien Leigh: her life is a source of morbid fascination for biographers

private life and a very good actress" and Olivier as a great star actor and a very ordinary man. A perceptive opinion.

The most compelling actors are curiously lacking in personality when removed from their natural home, the theatre, which makes their chameleon transformations on stage so magically believable. When a "personality" enters this world, the illusion is broken.

Vivien Leigh's personality was strong and vital. Her beauty was legendary. She had style and elegance, an exceptional zest for life and wide interests. She loved to learn and surrounded herself with books. She also had a particular gift for friendship, being noted for her constant thoughtfulness and generosity.

A paradox, perhaps, in view of her selfish lack of consideration for those closest to her? But then she was struggling des-

perately towards that impossible peak of ambition — a peak scaled so triumphantly by her second husband. She became obsessed by her inability to match him. Her own triumphs as Scarlett and Thornton in *Wilder's* *Savannah* were not enough.

This biography is thorough and professional and will certainly interest those who are familiar with the story. Several stories emerge from the pages: Leigh Holman, the first husband, saintly in his calm acceptance of fate; Suzanne, a forgiving and understanding daughter; Olivier himself, astonishingly loyal throughout bitter provocation; and his first wife, Jill Esmond, who — like Gold in "Porphyria's Lover" — "still has not said a word." A wise woman.

Vivien Leigh. Hugo Vickers. Hamish Hamilton. £14.95.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I think I feel a mass in my scrotum, but am afraid of what my physician may put me through. Would you please explain, in some detail, how testicular cancer is diagnosed and treated?

ANSWER: Testicular cancer is not a very common cancer, but there are 5,000 new cases each year in the United States and it is the most common tumorous cancer in men ages 15 to 35. (Incidentally, questions from readers about this cancer are among the most frequently asked "cancer questions.") As with many cancers, there are several forms of testicular cancer, but almost all are metastatic, meaning that they can spread through the body.

Most testicular cancers are discovered by the patient, who notices a lump or mass in one testicle. Some cases are discovered when a man is being evaluated for pain in the scrotum or infertility.

Testicular cancer is diagnosed through careful examination by a physician, during

which the scrotum will be evaluated and manipulated. The physician often will shine a light through the thin skin of the scrotum to see if the lump is translucent. This examination will eliminate other conditions such as hydrocele or hematocele, which are small sacs of fluid, and infections or injuries of the testicle or epididymus, and as such, allow the light to pass through the mass.

If cancer still is suspected, the testicle must be evaluated surgically. A biopsy may be taken during surgery, and if the results show malignancy, the testicle must be removed. There are no other choices.

A general examination also will be done if cancer is suspected, because testicular cancer can spread quickly to the lymph nodes, lungs and elsewhere. After surgery, most testicular cancer patients will undergo radiation therapy to try to kill all cancer cells. Chemotherapy may be substituted for or added on to radiation therapy, depending on what type of testicular cancer was diag-

nosed. In some cases, if the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes, the nodes may have to be removed also.

The extent of the disease depends on how soon it is caught. Like many women who discover a breast lump, many men who find a testicular lump delay in seeing a doctor, which is a mistake because it only gives the cancer a chance to spread.

As with many cancers, the survival rate for testicular cancer depends on how widely it has spread before it was diagnosed. However, if caught quickly, survival rates are good and testicular cancer can be completely cured. Most men who have survived testicular cancer can resume their sex lives. But early diagnosis of testicular cancer is imperative. All men should learn how to examine their testicles and scrotum regularly just as women examine their breasts. It is an excellent early screening technique.

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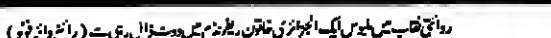
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Imran ready to play in Australia and New Zealand

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): Imran Khan said yesterday he was ready to play for Pakistan in next month's one-day World Series tournament in Australia and the tour of New Zealand which follows it.

He had previously been unwilling to make himself available for the World Series beginning on December 10, expressing disappointment that Pakistan had not been invited to play a full Test series in Australia.

Writing in the London Daily Telegraph, Imran, a former captain of his country, said he had informed the Pakistan Cricket Board he was prepared to play in Australia and New Zealand under current skipper Javed Miandad.

"One reason I have decided to tour has been because of the Test series in New Zealand," he said. "I also realise the need to play competitive cricket, of any sort, to keep myself tuned for the series which promises to be exciting," he added.

Imran announced his retirement from international cricket after last year's World Cup competition, but was persuaded to play in the subsequent Test series in the West Indies.

He missed the recent Australian visit to Pakistan, unhappy that it was played prior to the season's normal starting date.

"I felt that the extreme heat and humidity were unfair on the players and even more so on our crowds," he said.

Imran described the series, won 1-0 by Pakistan, as a disaster. "The three Tests were played in front of empty stands and Pakistan made a financial loss," he added.

Bulgaria draw in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Nov 4, (Reuters): Bulgarian defender Trifon Ivanov was sent off and four other players cautioned as Denmark and Bulgaria fought out a tough 1-1 draw in their World Cup qualifying clash on Wednesday.

Ivanov, shown the yellow card for an earlier offence, was dismissed six minutes from time for his second cautionable act, as the Bulgarians succeeded in frustrating Denmark's spirited bid for victory in their European Group One tie.

The Danes, a reshaped team following their disappointing performance at the European Championship finals in West Germany last June, had much the best of the opening period and might have won with better luck in front of goal.

Norway cruise past Cyprus

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Nov 4, (Reuters): Norway overwhelmed Cyprus in the second half, scoring three times, to win their World Cup European Group Five qualifying tie on Wednesday.

After surviving a testing first half in which goalkeeper Eric Thorstvedt pulled off several excellent saves, Norway struck with chilling efficiency on the rain-soaked pitch to leave Cyprus rooted to the bottom of the section.

SIDHU HAMMERS SRI LANKANS FOR 76

Indians capture Asia Cup

DHAKA, Nov 4, (Agencies): Half centuries from Navjot Sidhu and captain Dilip Vengsarkar comfortably steered India to a six wicket victory over holders Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup cricket final today.

Sri Lanka made 176 all out in 43.2 overs after four of their top batsmen were run out. India reached 180 for four in 37.4 overs.

Sidhu hammered three huge sixes and four fours in his personal contribution of 76 and won the Man of the Match award.

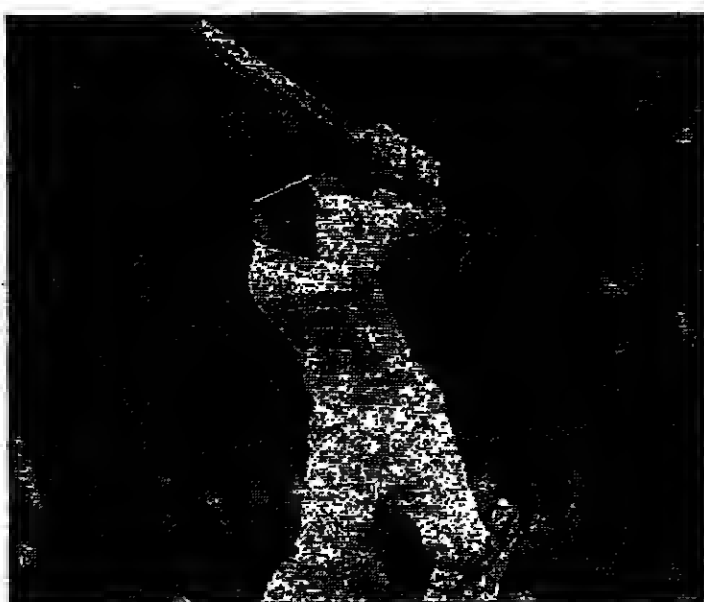
Joined by Vengsarkar, the third wicket partnership put on 86 to leave the Indians in sight of victory.

Unbeaten On 155, offspinner Gunawardene bowled Sidhu and then Mohammed Azharuddin was out from the first ball he received from Gunawardene.

But Vengsarkar with an unbeaten 50 and Kapil Dev (12 not out) saw India home.

Earlier, Roshan Mahanama and Brendon Kuruppu gave the Sri Lankans a good start with an opening partnership of 53 runs. But then the collapse started.

Duleep Mendis played a defiant innings of 36, but the run-outs cost Sri Lanka dearly and a three for 12 burst by Srikanth was the final straw.



Sidhu: Man of the Match

An estimated 70,000 spectators gave a standing ovation to the Indians as Vengsarkar received the cup from President Hussain Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh.

"We played well and naturally deserved the victory," Indian team manager Manmohan Sood said.

"We are very disappointed," said Sri Lankan manager M.H.

Tissera. "The loss of four of our best batsmen in quick succession was the turning point. After that we were never in the match."

"India played good cricket. They deserved the victory," he said.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA

Roshan Mahanama lbw Amarnath 23

Brendon Kuruppu c Pandit b Maninder Singh 21

Maninder Singh 0

Kapil Dev not out 12

Extras (b-1 lb-6 w-2 nb-3) 12

Total (for four wickets, 37.4 overs) 180

Did not bat: Ajay Sharma, C. Pandit, Sanjeev Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Maninder Singh.

Fall of wickets: 1-45 2-69 3-155 4-155.

Bowling: Ratanayake 9-1-35-0, Lakshmy 5-0-30-0, Ramesh 1-0-12-0, Madurasinghe 9-0-33-1, De Silva 4-0-28-0, Gunawardene 9-1-31-2, Mahanama 0-1-0-0-0.

Result: India won by six wickets

A. Samarasekera run out.....26
A. De Silva run out.....18
A. Ranaunga run out.....5
D. Mendis c Amarnath b Srikanth 36
R. Ratanayake run out.....7
U.S.H. Karnaia c Pandit b Srikanth.....11
G. Lakshmy b Kapil.....1
K. Gunawardene not out.....8
R. Madurasinghe b Srikanth.....2
Extras (lb-5, w-7, nb-6).....18
Total (all out, 43.2 overs).....176
Fall of wickets: 1-53 2-57 3-97 4-105 5-113 6-130 7-164 8-165 9-166 10-176.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-0-30-1, Sanjeev Sharma 5-0-20-0, Amarnath 6-0-21-1, Maninder Singh 9-0-35-1, Arshad Ayub 9-0-24-0, Ajay Sharma 4-0-29-0, Srikanth 3-2-0-12-3.

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K. Srikanth run out.....23

N. Sidhu b Gunawardene.....76

M. Amarnath c Kuruppu b Gunawardene.....7

D. Vengsarkar not out.....50

M. Azharuddin c Kuruppu b Madurasinghe.....0

Madurasinghe.....0

Kapil Dev not out.....12

Extras (b-1 lb-6 w-2 nb-3).....12

Total (for four wickets, 37.4 overs) 180

Did not bat: Ajay Sharma, C. Pandit, Sanjeev Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Maninder Singh.

Fall of wickets: 1-45 2-69 3-155 4-155.

Bowling: Ratanayake 9-1-35-0, Lakshmy 5-0-30-0, Ramesh 1-0-12-0, Madurasinghe 9-0-33-1, De Silva 4-0-28-0, Gunawardene 9-1-31-2, Mahanama 0-1-0-0-0.

Result: India won by six wickets



Greenidge dominates S. Australian bowling

ADELAIDE, Nov 4, (Reuters): Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge made the highest score by a West Indian cricketer at the Adelaide Oval when he scored 158 not out against South Australia today.

His innings, surpassing the 151 by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon in 1984-85, lifted the touring side to 296 for three at the close of the first day of the four-day match.

Captain Viv Richards, in his first match since West Indies' tour of England two months ago, was the other not out batsman on three.

More than half the day's runs came in a partnership of 169 between Greenidge and Desmond Haynes, who made 79 before falling to wrist-spinner Peter Sleep.

The pair beat the best first-wicket stand for West Indies against South Australia of 137 set by Greenidge and Laurence Rowe in 1975-76.

Greenidge shared a second-

wicket stand of 87 with Richie Richardson, who was second out for 35. Carl Hooper was the other wicket to fall, providing Sleep with a second victim after he had made 14.

West Indies lost their opening two tour matches, one-day and four-day games against Western Australia in Perth. The first Test starts in Brisbane in two weeks.

WEST INDIES first innings
G. Greenidge not out.....158
D. Haynes lbw b Sleep.....79
R. Richardson c Hooper b Gladigan 35
C. Hooper c Anderson b Sleep.....14
V. Richardson not out.....3
Extras (lb-4 w-1 nb-2).....7
Fall of wickets: 1-69 2-256 3-289
Bowling: Gladigan 24-5-71-1 (2ab), Killeen 18-2-77-0 (1w), Zesers 23-10-60-0, Sleep 27-6-84-2.

To bat: G. Leggie, J. Dujon, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh, W. Benjamin.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: D. Hookes (captain), W. Phillips, A. Hilditch, G. Bishop, P. Nokes, P. Sleep, T. May, C. Killeen, A. Zesers, P. Anderson, P. Gladigan.

FISA rejects Detroit bid for Grand Prix

PARIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): The Federation of International Sport Associations (FISA) said yesterday it had turned down Detroit's bid to stage next year's Formula One US Grand Prix because of doubts over the safety of its track.

"We have learnt that the organisers... are incapable of meeting the safety criteria required for a Formula One world test. Therefore, their request to organise the 1989 race has been turned down," FISA said in a statement.

"We are very sorry to have come to this decision but on questions of safety there can be no compromise."

The ruling was sure to be a bitter disappointment to the Detroit organisers who had been rushing to bring the circuit up to FISA safety standards in time for the race, which had been scheduled for June 18.

The FISA ruling means that next year there will be no Formula One in the United States for the first time in 30 years. Detroit was the only stop in the United States on the world Formula One circuit.

Detroit mayor Coleman Young was expected to announce later yesterday that Indianapolis 500-type cars would replace Formula One cars in next year's race, motor racing officials said. A spokesman for the Indianapolis-style cars are larger and more powerful than For-

mula One cars but considered less manoeuvrable.

For several years drivers have bitterly complained about track surface conditions at Detroit and the overall safety of the twisting street circuit where the US Grand Prix has been staged for the last seven years.

The organisers were originally considering moving the whole circuit to a new site but shelved these plans because of lack of time, deciding to resurface the track instead.

Chris Bellson, chairman of FISA's calendar committee, admitted a question mark still hung over the Detroit track when he announced the 1989 racing calendar on Wednesday.

He said doubts over the Brazilian Grand Prix in Rio de Janeiro, where organisers owe FISA money, were less serious.

The Rio de Janeiro organisers have promised that all debts will be paid by the year's end, allowing the March 26 race to go ahead as planned.

Brazilian officials said yesterday they would pay back the nearly \$100,000 outstanding to FISA by the deadline of Dec 31.

"The debts are reasonable and I can guarantee they will be completely resolved by the end of the year," said Mauro Forjaz, spokesman for the Brazilian Motor Racing Confederation (CBA).

A plan to auction Rio de Janeiro's Jacarepagua circuit to help solve the city's cash crisis has been shelved pending the resolution of a legal dispute between mayor Saturnino Braga and the state government over the ownership of it.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): Advocates of neutral umpires in international cricket were given fresh ammunition by a survey published in the London Times on Wednesday which questioned the impartiality of some home umpires.

The survey showed that visiting batsmen were more likely to be dismissed leg before than home players.

Freelance cricket journalist Giles Lyon looked at Test scorecards over the past 30 years. He analysed the percentage of leg before decisions—the most controversial manner of dismissal—given against touring teams and home sides in relation to the total number of wickets taken.

He found that in 482 Tests played between 1967 and the Australian tour of Pakistan, completed in October, home umpires gave their own batsmen out leg before 12.26 per cent of all wickets lost, compared with 13.79 per cent for the touring team, a difference of 1.53 per cent.

The discrepancy was more marked in Pakistan where much of the criticism of umpires has been directed.

Fall In 57 Tests there touring players have been dismissed lbw 173 times out of 891 wickets to fall, and Pakistanis 86 times in 682—a percentage difference of 6.81.

The survey showed that Indian umpires gave home players out 6.78 per cent often than opponents, while Sri Lanka the difference was again in favour of the home team.

Only in those series where England and New Zealand played host were the figures reversed with home batsmen being given out leg before more often than visiting players.

Lyon concluded that while the overall figures did not suggest foul play they added weight to demands for neutral umpires in Test cricket.

"This would reduce any doubt about the impartiality of officials; contentious verdicts would then be seen as biased umpiring but as poor umpiring," he said.

Kiwis held in opening match

RAJKOT, India, Nov 4, (Reuters): Richard Hadlee followed a devastating spell of pace bowling with an impressive display of batting at Rajkot yesterday as New Zealand drew the opening match of their Indian tour.

After his nine-wicket haul in West Zone's first innings of 253, Hadlee hit three sixes off one over from Anil Pandya to notch up 27 quick runs and help New Zealand end the three-day match on 338 for seven in their first innings.

Contained New Zealand skipper John Wright also opened the tour on top form, hitting a fine 104 which contained 13 fours and one six.

Wright, who resumed the New Zealand innings on 118 with fellow opener Trevor Franklin, encountered little difficulty from West Zone's modest pace and spin attack.

Sheffield Shield

SYDNEY, Nov 4, (Reuters): Scores on the first day today of Sheffield Shield cricket matches: In Sydney: Victoria 174 for eight (Warren Ayres 41) v New South Wales.

In Brisbane: Tasmania 275 for eight (Dirk Wellham 92, Greg Shipperd 53) v Queensland.

Some of the women taking part in the event.

Willatt takes top spot

CHRIS WILLATT fired a round of 71 to win the All Events Golf Tournament at the Hunting & Equestrian Club on Sunday.

A total of nineteen women golfers from three Kuwaiti golf clubs—Ahmadi, Buksands and Hunting & Equestrian—took part in the tournament. The golfers contested many events with honours evenly divided. The results were as follows:

Best net: Chris Willatt, Ahmadi—71 (handicap 27)
Runner-up: Pat Griffin, Buksands—72 (handicap 36)

Best gross, front 9: Sigrid Sawires, Hunting & Equestrian—43
Best gross, back 9: Jill McKinnon, Ahmadi—46
Best putts: Jean Plater, Ahmadi—34 putts
Nearest pin: Kajsa Hjerse, Hunting & Equestrian
Longest drive: Brunilde Rossmann, Buksands

At the conclusion of the contest, the group bid farewell to Mrs Insook Kim who is leaving Kuwait at the end of the year.

Opened The one visible success came too late. A cut on Mitchell's right eyelid opened 30 seconds before the end of the slugging match.

But by then the South African, who has travelled the world to keep the title his over the last 25 months, was enjoying every moment, knowing he had built a sizeable lead.

McDonnell traded punches with Mitchell in the first half of the fight and tried all he could, but the class of his opponent shone through.

He proved himself a champion of the highest calibre in gaining a unanimous points verdict after 12 rounds with Britain's Jim McDonnell, unbeaten in his previous 24 bouts.

The three judges had Mitchell, the subject of an anti-apartheid demonstration outside the arena, ahead of massive margins of eight, six and five points.

McDonnell, a former holder of the European featherweight crown, gave all he had in a titanic struggle, but it was simply not enough.

One of the winners receiving her trophy.

from the afternoon shift were: Tanaka D'Silva (Senior B), Jissymol Matbai (Intermediate A), Shefali Pereira (Intermediate B), Kokila Cherian (Junior A), Shilpa Urva (Junior B), Shamil Basheer (Junior B Boys), Jamila Hameed (Sub-

Junior A girls) and Jitbu Jacob Joba (Sub-Junior A Boys).

The athletics meet started with a fine display of yoga by girls of the morning shift.

The chief guest at the meet was the honorary chairman of the school Mathew Philip.

Leicester trounce Norwich

LONDON, Nov 4, (Reuters): English First Division leaders Norwich City were brought down to earth on Wednesday when they were beaten 2-0 by Second Division Leicester in an English League Cup third round tie.

On a night of shocks for some of the big names of the English game, goals by striker Mike Newell and Paul Reid secured a well-deserved triumph for Leicester as Norwich crashed to only their second defeat of the season.

Record Norwich, six points clear of Arsenal at the top of the First Division, had won their last five away matches.

But Newell, with his sixth goal of the season, and Reid, with a brace, scored eight minutes from time, ended their hopes of establishing a club record with a sixth consecutive win.

Leicester's delight at reaching the last 16 was shared by Wimbledon, who beat Manchester United 2-1, Nottingham Forest, 3-2 winners over Coventry and

holders Luton, who won 2-0 at Second Division Leeds.

Former Manchester United striker Tony Gibson scored both Wimbledon goals in his team's win after England captain Bryan Robson and opened the scoring.

Nottingham Forest owned their victory to Nigel Clough who hit their winner after Colin Foster and Steve Hodge had equalised earlier strikes by Coventry's Gary Bannister and Brian Kilgiver.

Luton, badly depleted by injuries, hit Leeds on the counter-attack with goals from Northern Ireland international midfielder Danny Wilson and striker David Oldfield.

But their joy was marred by the dismissal of debutant defender Julian James, 18, who was sent off five minutes from time for a foul, and the banishment to the dressing room of manager Ray Harford for on-field coaching.

Last season's beaten finalists Arsenal drew 1-1 at Liverpool, midfielder David Rocastle

equalising for the Londoners after England winger John Barnes had shot Liverpool ahead with a dazzling solo goal.

Former England forward Trevor Francis scored twice for Queen's Park Rangers as they beat Charlton 2-1. Paul Williams put Charlton ahead, but they lost their way and their unbeaten eight-match run when captain Peter Shirliff was sent off.

In another all-First Division clash, Aston Villa's Scottish striker Alan McNally struck twice as they beat Millwall 3-1.

Results English Football League Cup third round
Aston Villa 3 Millwall 1
Bradford 1 Scunthorpe 2
Leeds 0 Luton 2
Leicester 2 Norwich 0
Liverpool 2 Arsenal 1
Manchester City 4 Sheffield U 2
Notts Forest 3 Coventry 2
QPR 2 Charlton 1
Scarborough 2 Southampton 2
Wimbledon 2 Manchester U 1
English Division Two
Oxford 2 Sunderland 4
Spartan 2 Plymouth 1
Swindon 2 Colchester 2
Aldershot 2 Exeter 1
Dorset 1 Hamilton 1
Hibernian 1 Dundee U 1

Platini promises return to French style of play

PARIS, Nov 4, (Reuters): Michel Platini, taking over the reins of the crisis-hit French national team, promised yesterday a return to the style of play which brought France soccer glory for the best part of a decade.

Platini, 33, replaced Henri Michel on Tuesday, 10 days after a disastrous 1-1 draw with Cyprus put in jeopardy France's chances of reaching the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

Charge "I will try to find again the style of the French team you saw for 10 years, a Platini style," he said at his first news conference since taking charge.

Platini, three times in a row European Footballer of the Year, was playmaker and chief scorer of the glorious team which

won the 1984 European Championship and reached the semifinals of the 1982 and 1986 World Cups.

But the former Saint-Etienne and Juventus star, who retired from active soccer 18 months ago, was more defensive about his future plans than he ever was on a football pitch.

He said there would be a few surprises in the team he would announce next week to face Yugoslavia in Belgrade on Nov 19, a vital World Cup qualifier, but gave no names or hints.

"I will choose players for their own style and not based on the opposition," he said. "I want a compact, solid team. I don't want a sweeper playing 30 metres behind the rest. I want a defence and midfield who push the ball forwards."

Austria survive Turkish assault

VIENNA, Nov 4, (Reuters): Confident Austria survived a surprise second half fightback by Turkey to win their World Cup European Group Three qualifying clash 3-2 on Wednesday.

Austrian striker Toni Polster opened the scoring after 38 minutes when he drove home from eight metres and Andreas Herzog added the second—the first of his two goals—four minutes later.

Clinical Taking a cross by Kurt Russ, Herzog embarked on a solo run which ended with a clinical finishing shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Herzog was on the mark again early in the second half when he fired in Austria's third with a powerful shot.

But Turkey then began to break quickly out of defence and soon reduced the arrears, Feyyaz and Colak finding the net after 61 and 81 minutes respectively.

Shanti and Seva houses win championships



The winners with other officials.

SHANTI and Seva houses won the championships shields at the 3rd Annual Athletics Meet of the Indian School, Mangal, held at the Sahel Sports Club on Thursday.

Shanti House (morning shift) and Seva House (after-

noon shift) took the titles in their events with a total of 575 and 580 points respectively.

The individual champions for various events and age-groups in the morning shift were:

George Koshy (Senior B), Vimal Kumar (Intermediate

A), Enayatullah (Intermediate B), Hatim Abdullah and Vicky Sebastian (Junior A), Survendren Kumar (Junior B), Fahad Abdulla (Sub-Junior A Boys), Preetiba Kochummen (Sub-Junior A girls) and Mukhtiar Talvaskar (Sub-Junior B).

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